

2-Cycle Diesel Surveillance Panel Report

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Imperial Oil 6V92TA test availability status

- □ 6V92TA (ASTM D 5862) test adopted in 1990
- □ At one time, four laboratories ran reference test stands
- Only one referenced test laboratory in the last nine years
- □ Low demand on test in recent years
- □ Test stand last referenced in December, 2006
- The only referenced test laboratory stopped testing due to internal work re-alignment
 - Termination not due to lack of test parts or technical capability

Industry consultation process

- □ Surveillance panel tele-conference taken place (2008-06-11)
- □ Stake-holders outside of surveillance panel participated
 - API
 - EMA
 - US Military
 - ACC members
 - OEM test sponsor
 - TMC
 - DEOAP
 - Test laboratories

Implication on API CF-2 category

- Confirmed long term unavailability of 6V92TA test would make CF-2 obsolete
- □ Category and current licenses will remain on API website for one year
- If replacement test stand forthcoming, category can be in 'provisional' status
- ASTM to inform API on confirmation of permanent loss of 6V92TA test capability

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Implication on Military 2104H specification

- □ US army operates large number of 2-cycle diesel powered equipment
- □ Oil performance specifications still critical for operations
- □ Substitution of loss of ASTM D 5862 could be
 - Non-referenced 6V92TA test stand
 - Physical/chemical property specifications
 - Field tests

Test sponsor OEM (MTU / DDC) position

- □ No new oil approval without test on referenced engine
- □ Field tests proposed as substitution of engine test

Feasible options under consideration

- Laboratories considering establishment of test stand
 - Either full referenced or non-referenced
- Decision process could take one to two months
 - Must be given reasonable time for decision
- □ API needs to see plan and signs of progress to continue category

Report summary to ASTM

- □ 6V92TA test temporally not available
- No physical constrains to conduct test procedure
- Laboratories have to be given time to consider establishment of test stand
- Decision and plan need to be timely, to report to ASTM within six months (by next December meetings)