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Unapproved Minutes of the September 18, 2003
Sequence III Surveillance Panel Teleconference

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Attendees: Bill Nahumck, Monica Beyer, Gordon Farnsworth, Mike Kasimirsky, Dave Glaenzer, Irwin Goldblatt, Jason Bowden, Frank Fernandez, Tim Caudill, Pat Lang, Sid Clark, Hanna Murray, Larry Hamilton, Jo Martinez

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 ET on 9-18-03. It was good to have Gordon Farnsworth join us after his short absence.

IIIG Test Numbering Sequence

The meeting started with a review by Mike Kasimirsky a problem from a laboratory with the current IIIG test numbering scheme as it relates to calibration under the IIIG LTMS. The following is directly from Mike's email to the chairman.

"As it stands, a test is numbered with an A suffix for reruns of failed or invalid reference oil tests. The calibration period is defined as 25 runs, which the test number is the only way to reference that from. The problem is a rerun will be several runs farther along in the lab run number than it is actually numbered. So if we add 25 to the run number, the lab gets shorted out of some of its calibration period. But we have no way of knowing what the "current" lab run number is since it's not the current run number for a rerun.

Since keeping track of the calibration period is more important than the bit of information the letter suffix provides, I would propose that we eliminate the suffixes and consecutively number all tests, regardless of outcome, so that the laboratory calibration information isn't lost or corrupted. This would require an Information Letter to change the test procedure. Reruns of failed references would still be apparent from a review of the reference data simply because the stand number at the lab would not change from run to run. If they were all passes, the stand number would rotate through the lab's available stands as spelled out in the LTMS.

As you might have guessed, we have a test with this issue in hand right now and as such, need an answer to this issue ASAP. I would request that we either E-ballot this or have a conference call to resolve it since the laboratory needs an answer on this issue.”

The numbering issue has come up as the IIIF and prior IIIG method was based on a stand based LTMS whereas the new IIIG LTMS is lab based. The panel discussed the pros and cons of having some kind of identifier of the number of reference attempts in the sample number. Pat Lang suggested that we consider the technique where the total lab run number would be incremented for every run, including repeat reference runs. Any repeat reference runs would have an alphabet added to the total lab run number at the end. As an example, first run would be 1-0-45, 1-0-46A, 1-0-49B.

With this background, a **motion was made** by Michael Kasimirsky and seconded by Pat Lang to modify the test numbering sequence for the Sequence IIIG test to increment the total lab run number for every test, including the repeat reference attempts. The alphabet would be added to end of the total lab run number. **The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

Establishing a Sequence IIIG Surveillance Panel

Mike Kasimirsky reviewed previous minutes and could not find any action taken to establish a Sequence IIIG Surveillance Panel. When the IIIF was brought in, the IIIE Surveillance Panel passed a motion creating the IIIF Surveillance Panel using the same membership lists, chairman, etc. After some discussion which centered around making one panel for all versions of the test, Mike made a **Motion for Unanimous Consent** to establish the “Sequence III Surveillance Panel” to oversee the Sequence IIIF and IIIG tests and that it will be made up of the current membership and administration (chairman, secretary) as the current IIIF Surveillance Panel, effective immediately. This would also cover a subsequent change or next version to the Sequence III test method. As there was no objection, the motion passed.

New Business

Sid Clark announced that he and Bob Olree will be moving to the GM Powertrain facility in Pontiac, effective on 9-22-03. The Chairman will distribute this information to the membership after the conclusion of the teleconference.

The chairman noted that there has been no official feedback from the ACC task force that is developing a proposal for a correction equation for PVIS and MRV related to oil consumption. When it is available, it will be distributed. Also related to the oil consumption issue, any proposals for changing the LTMS targets for IIIG have not been presented to the chairman for Surveillance Panel action.

The Surveillance Panel requested that Sid Clark work with Charlie Leverett to summarize the results of his honing investigation and distribute it to the panel members as soon as possible. There was some concern that some of this information had been discussed with another organization without informing the Surveillance Panel and TMC. An O&H meeting was suggested the week of October 26th to review all of the hardware issues related to the IIIG test.

OHTechnologies informed the Surveillance Panel that delivery of the new second rings for runs 1 through 4 will occur early next week (9-23-03). As soon as they are received, OHT will fill all the orders.

Surveillance Panel week scheduling for November was discussed. As most other Surveillance Panels will NOT be meeting like we normally do in November, those in attendance agreed to have an O&H meeting followed by a Surveillance Panel meeting the week of October 26th, 2003. Once arrangements have been made, the chairman will send out the announcement. San Antonio will be the location.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM. The next meeting will be at the call of the chairman.

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