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ASTM consensus has not been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.

TO: Sequence III Mailing List

SUBJECT: Clarification of Downtime During Oil Sampling and Leveling

At the May 6, 2008 Sequence III Surveillance Panel meeting, the panel agreed to a clarification of when downtime begins to accrue during shutdowns for oil sampling and leveling. Section 12.13.2 of Test Method D 7320 has been revised accordingly. Also, the Panel agreed to remove Section 13.4, since operational deviations are captured in Quality Index review and required to be documented under Sections 12.13.2 and 12.13.3.

The attached changes to Test Method D 7320 are effective May 6, 2008.

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Attachments

c: ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gas/sequenceiii/procedure_and_ils/IIIG/IL08-1.pdf

Distribution: Electronic Mail

12.13.2 Inspect the test records for instances of downtime (excluding the initial oil level run of the test), and record any such instances on Form 13, Downtime and Outlier Report Form, in standardized report form set (see Annex A5). When performing each 20-h oil level adjustment, identify as downtime any time in excess of 55 min from the time when the engine ramps down until the test is back on test operating conditions. Enter the total downtime on Form 13, Downtime and Outlier Report Form, in standardized report form set (see Annex A5). If the total downtime exceeds 24 h, note on Form 1, in standardized report form set (see Annex A5) that the test is invalid.

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