

Minutes from 6/28/2011 Sequence VG Surveillance Panel Conference Call

Attendees:

Andrew Ritchie, Gordon Farnsworth, Mike McMillan, Doyle Boese – Infineum

Jo Martinez, Mark Sutherland – Chevron

Rich Grundza - TMC

Bruce Matthews – GM

Jim Linden - Toyota

Raham Kirkwood, Bill Buscher – SwRI

Al Lopez – Intertek

Ed Altman, Bob Campbell – Afton

Jerry Brys, George Szappanos – Lubrizol

Mark Overaker, Jim Carter – Haltermann

Irwin Goldblatt – BP Castrol

Clayton Knight – TEI

Dwight Bowden, Adam Bowden, Matthew Bowden - OHT

- 1) The minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting were approved with no additions or corrections. Motion made by Dwight Bowden and seconded by Ed Altman.
- 2) Chairman Ritchie summarized the agenda for today's meeting. The main items to be discussed are the following:
 - a. Review status of large VG fuel batch preparation and distribution.
 - b. Schedule for upcoming VG SP calls.
 - c. Other Old or New Business.

- 3) Mark Overaker from Haltermann summarized the status of the preparation of the large fuel batch. Batch completion was delayed by about one week due to problems with the rail car and a problem with the RVP of the large blend, which necessitated adding additional material to the blend to bring the RVP within the target range. [See attached notes from Mark, including the CofA data on the two pilot batches (ZC18 and ZD28) and the finished large batch, YJ06] The large batch is now finished, the truck has been loaded, and deliveries will be made according to the schedule included in Mark's note sent to the Panel members earlier today. Chairman Ritchie asked the labs when the Row 1 tests could start. If the fuel is received as scheduled, Afton indicated they would start their test on Thursday, Lubrizol on Friday, and Southwest and Intertek on Thursday. All labs have agreed to send periodic updates as in the past. Based on this schedule, Chairman Ritchie indicated that Tuesday, July 12, would probably be the next scheduled call. Next week's call will likely be cancelled unless problems occur. If no problems occur, results from Row 1 tests should be available by July 13 or 14. With this timing Chairman Ritchie indicated there will likely be another call later in the week of July 11. During that call, the Panel will review Row 1 data and the Statistical Group's analysis of the results. There could also be a discussion of whether tests in Row 2 will be calibration tests or not. It was noted that it will be an individual laboratory's decision as to whether to declare a test a calibration test or not. Rich Grundza pointed out that if a lab does decide to declare (in advance) a test to be calibration test, the data would be included in the calculation of correction factors, and it is possible that lab would not be granted calibration, depending on the test results.
- 4) Chairman Ritchie asked if there was any old or new business. Nothing was brought up.
- 5) The next scheduled call is Tuesday, July 12. It is also likely that there will be a call later that week, as discussed in item #3 above.