

Minutes from 7/26/2011 Sequence VG Surveillance Panel Conference Call

Attendees:

Andy Ritchie, Mike McMillan, Doyle Boese – Infineum

Jo Martinez, Mark Sutherland – Chevron

Rich Grundza - TMC

Bruce Matthews – GM

Ron Romano - Ford

Raham Kirkwood, Bill Buscher, Dan Worcester, Eric Liu – SwRI

Al Lopez – Intertek

Ed Altman, Christian Porter, Bob Campbell – Afton

Jerry Brys, George Szappanos – Lubrizol

Mark Overaker – Haltermann

Irwin Goldblatt – BP Castrol

Clayton Knight – TEI

Jason Bowden, Adam Bowden, Matthew Bowden - OHT

- 1) The minutes from the July 19, 2011 meeting were approved with no additions or corrections. Motion made by Jason 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 and approve minutes from July 19th call
 - b. Status of Row 2 testing and review of results obtained to date
 - c. Statisticians plan and timing for VG data analysis

- d. Next scheduled call
- e. Old business
- f. New Business.

- 3) Rich Grundza indicated that 3 of the labs have reported their Row 2 VG test results to TMC, but that Lab G has not as yet. (See Attachment 1)
- 4) All tests have been completed, however, and Lab G indicated they would send their results to TMC later today. Chairman Ritchie asked each of the labs to comment on their tests. George Szappanos indicated Lubrizol's test was clean except for some oil temperature control issues. George didn't think the problems affected the test results, although the test result on Oil 1009 was slightly severe on sludge. Ron Romano questioned how severe the test was because of the temperature control issues, noting that both the sludge and OSC ratings were somewhat severe. George responded that the temperature variations from the target range were less than 1 deg F and occurred during only a portion of the test, so that he did not believe it had any significant effect on the severity. Afton indicated they had encountered no issues other than one re-ring. SwRI and Intertek indicated they had encountered no issues in their tests.
- 5) Doyle Boese indicated that the Statistical Group is planning to have a conference call on Thursday afternoon, July 28. The Group should be able to have a report on the analysis of the results in time for the next planned VG SP conference call on Friday, July 28 at 10:00 am EDT. Doyle indicated the Statistical Group might have to develop a fuel batch correction factor(s), but that until the data analysis was complete, he couldn't say for sure.
- 6) Rich Grundza clarified some of the designations for the various fuel batches. These, as well as one corrected fuel batch ID and one corrected data point, are included in Attachment 1.
- 7) Ed Altman suggested we might want to suspend alarms until we get more data on the new fuel batch. Rich Grundza indicated he would be willing to consider this after looking at the data that comes in. If such an action seems appropriate, the decision could be made at that time.
- 8) Chairman Ritchie asked if there was any old or new business. Ron Romano asked if it would be possible to move the starting time for the July 29 conference call up by one hour, so that the call would start at 9:00 am EDT. None of the other Panel members objected, so it was agreed the call should convene at 9:00 EDT on July 29.

- 9) The next scheduled VG conference call is Friday, July 29, at 9:00 am EDT.
The next regularly-scheduled VG conference call will be Tuesday, August 2, at 2:00 pm EDT.