

Sequence VH Surveillance Panel Meeting October 4th, 2022, 2 PM EST, via Webex

Roll Call:

Afton: B. Maddock, B. Campbell
ExxonMobil: P. Rubas
Ford: M. Deegan, R. Zdrodowski
General Motors:
Haltermann: E. Hennessey, I. Mathur, W. Hairston

Infineum: D. Boese, A. Ritchie (Chair)
Intertek: A. Lopez
Lubrizol: G. Szappanos, T. Catanese
OHT:
Oronite: J. Martinez, R. Stockwell

SwRI: D. Engstrom, T. Kostan, P. Lang, M. Lochte
TEI: D. Lanctot
TMC: R. Grundza

Valvoline: A. Savant

Summary: The current fuel is now all allocated at the San Antonio labs and the earliest a new fuel could be approved is year end. Process for API to issue provisional licenses without the required VH data will be activated.

Meeting Details:

- Remaining VH fuel is now fully allocated to customers at the 2 San Antonio labs, and no more VH tests can be scheduled until the new fuel is approved. The 3 dependent labs will run in-house VH tests with their remaining fuel supplies. Valvoline may continue to run tests into December. Since the dependent labs will still be able to run the VH test, it will not immediately be declared as unavailable.
- SP Chair (Ritchie) will start the process of communicating to the PCECOP and API groups that the VH test will not be widely available for a period of time, until a new fuel batch is approved. PCECOP, EMA, ILSAC and API LG groups are meeting in San Antonio in late October and will be briefed on the situation with the VH.
- API will be advised to take the appropriate steps to allow provisional API licenses to be granted, consistent with the processes outlined in API 1509 Sections 6.7 and 6.8, until a new fuel is approved for the VH test.
- Haltermann is adjusting the large fuel batch to make it more severe on sludge handling.
- Target is to have this fuel batch completed and ready for testing week of October 24th
- Fuel will be shipped to the 3 test labs with the target of starting the new fuel 15 VH test matrix in early November.
- All 3 labs confirmed that they will use the same VH stands which tested the first batch of fuel and be able to run their VH matrix tests without interruptions.

- 15 VH test matrix could be run in less than 40 days setting the target of completing the matrix and approving the new fuel before the end of the year.
- Matrix for evaluating new fuel batch will be discussed at next call (10/11) but group agreed that Rows 1 and 2 should comprise 931 and 1011-1 tests.
- Haltermann will liaise with SP on some of the implications for adding components to the fuel which will change key CoA properties. An increase in RON is expected.
- VH panel will meet in San Antonio on Wednesday November 16th.
- SP calls will now take place every Tuesday at 2PM Eastern until the new fuel is approved.

Next call: Tuesday October 11th 2PM Eastern.