

DIESEL EQUIPMENT COMMISSION

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Diesel Equipment Commission
12 August 2009
10:30 a.m.
Days Hotel Flatwoods, WV

Minutes

Members Present:

Chris Hamilton
Terry Hudson
Dr. Pramod Thakur

Gary Trout
Terry Osborne
Joe Sparks

The Administrator presided.

The Guests were introduced

The Commission heard the report of the Sub-Committee on Engine 51 from Robinson Run. Dr. Thakur made a motion to approve the engine petition; Mr. Trout seconded. The motion then carried.

Dr. Thakur made a motion to approve Engine 51 Loveridge Mine; Mr. Trout seconded. The motion then carried.

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve June's minutes; Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion then carried.

The Commission discussed the training addendum to Speed Mining. Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the addendum, with the last bullet point struck; Mr. Trout seconded. The motion then carried.

The Commission directed the Administrator to place the new part 3 form on the State webpage for use by the Industry. A letter will be sent to the operators to alert them to this change.

The Administrator informed the Commission of the proposed budget cuts.

David Witt from Consol presented a request for clarifications. (See attached) The Commission by consensus accepted the clarifications.

The Administrator asked the Commission to reconsider a request by Metikki Coal for markers on underground jeeps. The Commission referred the request to the TRC.

The Commission directed the Administrator to ask NIOSH and WVU Coal Extension to make presentations on research requests at the next meeting. The next meeting was set for 10 September 2009, 10:00am, at the Waterfront Hotel in Morgantown, WV.

Mr. Osborne made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Hamilton made a motion to accept. The Commission then adjourned.

Clarifications sought by Consol and approved by the Diesel Commission 12 August 2009:

1.) Clarification of Part 9 Section 22A.2A.901.5(b):

Required training shall include equipment specific, hands-on orientation given in an area of the mine where the equipment will be operated. This orientation shall be specific to the type and make of the diesel machine and shall be presented in small groups. If the type and make of diesel equipment and emission controls including the same controller and operational functions are the same on a given selection of equipment, such as personnel carriers, then these machines may be considered as one type, allowing for one piece of equipment to suffice for all operational training on this type of machine at the mine site.

Example: For all 4, 7, and 15 passenger personnel carriers, training needs to be conducted only one only of these personnel carried as long as the only difference is the amount of passengers.

2.) When the need arises for replacement parts and/or pieces that have becomes unavailable for any reason, the parts or pieces should only require a letter of explanation to the WV Diesel Commission for their approval and not require redundant operator training for this to be used. The owner of such vehicles shall be able to do minor modifications for reasons of safety and/or user commonality such as combing the functions of the two (2) red buttons into one (1) and retaining the function of the other button for its original purpose of parking and testing of the vehicle. A change of this matter would require only a letter to the WV Diesel Commission for their approval and not require operator retraining for this to be used.