

Rating Surveillance Panel Teleconference
May 2, 2018 9:00am 10:00am

Attendees:

Michael Kasimirsky, Frank Farber
Brian Foecking, Vanessa DeCapite, Jonathon Bolaney
Robert Stockwell
Cliff Salvesen
Michael Raney
Bob Campbell, Jack Kobrinetz, Matt Hayden, Lee Cumberworth
Craig Springer, Pat Lang, Frank Lopez, Bobby Trevino
Tony Barrera, Addison Schweitzer, Jim Moritz, Jesse Rodriguez

Approval of previous meeting minutes. The minutes for the 3/13/2018 teleconference were approved unanimously and without comment.

Rating Manual Review. Briefly discussed the status of the Manual Review Task Force, headed up by Jack Kobrinetz. TMC is receiving an electronic copy from ASTM, which will be distributed to the Task Force membership. Jack is planning on a June teleconference to start working on this issue.

Rating Manuals. Brief discussion of Manual 20, who will publish it, will it have to meet the Form and Style Manual for ASTM publications, etc. Will it be given a "D number" in this process?. These questions will need input from ASTM to resolve. The timeline for the Review Task Force was discussed by the group. A target date of December 2018 was suggested, for completion of the review of Manual 20, but no one knows if this is a realistic timeline.

Light Duty Rating Workshop Review. Jack reviewed his notes on the April 2018 workshop. Two sessions worked well, along with limiting contact between the raters and John. Brian noted that giving the Trainers access to the database worked out very well. He also suggested some revisions to the opening presentation to include information specific to IIIH and GMOD piston ratings. Also remove Undercrown Rating from the booth signs and workshop completely.

It was suggested that one "rerate" might not be enough and that perhaps a second "rerate" should be allowed. The reasons for only allowing a single rerate were discussed.

The discussion moved on to adding a "calibration piston" to the B Session of the workshop, like what was improvised for the A Session. Jack suggested a "calibration piston" of each of the types available at the workshop.

Brian asked of some type of "rating indicator" to show a general trend in a rater's results that might indicate a problem generating a non-yellow color code. The logistics of programming such an indicator was discussed, as there isn't an easy way to come up with such an indicator from the workshop data.

Lee suggested that a trainer should be involved in the opening presentation, with regards to the presentation of specific rating topics for the workshop. Review of rating definitions, specific instructions related to a particular piston type, etc. should be covered by a rater and not TMC personnel. Jack volunteered to be the presenter for this item at the next Heavy Duty workshop.

LED Lighting Issues. Quick discussion of the move to LED lighting in rating was had. Some sludge ratings were made with LED lighting, which is included in the report. Two booths were set up at the workshop for LED rating of pistons, but only one two-bulb fixture was converted in April, and not much time was available for rating using these lights. However, they will be available for future workshops. In the meantime, the labs will try to convert fixtures to LED using the lamps identified by Afton and rate parts using both types of light.

Novice Raters. The issue of inexperienced raters was discussed, but no resolution was reached.

The next meeting will be held several weeks before the 2018 Heavy Duty Rating Workshop, in mid-September.