

Lyle Bowman's Facilitator Report to B-10  
December 8, 2014

About 35 hours were spent on various assignments since the June 2014 Meeting.

These efforts have mostly involved preparation of 11 D02 ballot items from approved Information Letters, reviewing editor's proofs, and reviewing proposed new Information Letters.

Ten of the D02 ballot items were approved with minor comments. One item, a revision of the VID test method, received a negative vote from Richard Dixon of Shell Oil, and to date this vote has been irresolvable.

The subject ballot item was about incorporating a new fuel batch partway through a VID test. His position is that either/or both "fuel-related deposit build-up" and "hydrocarbon type distribution" could "materially impact the result and also detriment the established precision of the test". This ballot item received no negative votes at the Subcommittee B level (It was noted that Mr. Dixon is also a member of Sub. B.).

Emailed him and talked to him twice on the telephone. Frank Farber emailed him twice, and copied him with a copy of the surveillance panel's review of the topic, including a detailed analysis by Afton, and the surveillance panel's positive approval vote on the proposal.

Nothing swayed him. He said his position "was firm", and I told him that his negative would be adjudicated at the Dec. 10, 2014 Subcommittee B Meeting, and invited him to attend and participate. Frank Farber plans to handle this topic at the meeting, and all of you are urged to attend and support the surveillance panel's action.

Old business: Regarding the D4485 item that was balloted in the Spring 2013 D02 Ballot to replace g/MJ with g/kWh as the primary oil consumption unit, as I reported last June, the D02 Manager informed me that there apparently had been an inter-ASTM communication problem, and it was expected that a COS review of the results of this ballot item would take place at its September 2014 meeting. To date, I've not been informed that any COS action was taken.

Regarding my new test method facilitator assignments, I've contacted the appropriate individuals but have not received any requests for assistance thus far.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle Bowman