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MEMORANDUM: 19-037 -Revised  
DATE: August 1, 2019  
TO: Test Labs  
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SUBJECT: Data Correction Policy

It is in the industry's best interest to have accurate results entered into both the reference and candidate oil databases that the TMC maintains for the industry. To ensure this is achieved the TMC allows test laboratories to correct data after the initial data transmission is received. Corrected data needs to have a valid reason as determined by the TMC before being accepted into the industry database. If a rated test parameter requires correction, a single revised rating is to be reported as the test result. A note with the original rating and the details of the circumstances must be included in the comment section of the test report. Past laboratory practices are to be followed unless the TMC is notified beforehand or there are extenuating circumstances. For example, pre and post camshaft lobe measurements have been done internally at a lab for their previous tests however for the most recent test their cam measuring equipment was not available. The TMC will accept the pre and post camshaft lobe measurements from another lab as long as test method requirements are met. Individual test method allowances will be considered when appropriate.

Pass/fail test results are considered final on the initial transmission of the data unless a lab can document a reason for a correction. Corrections from outsourcing, multiple attempts at ratings, chemical and physical measurements on pass/fail parameters without reasonable justification will not be accepted. For candidate test corrections, 'sponsor request' for outsourcing, multiple ratings and measurements is not an acceptable reason.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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