

## TMB June 15, 2010 Conference Call Minutes

Participants: Andy Ritchie, Chairman  
Chris Castanien  
Greg Shank  
Ron Romano  
Hind Abi-Aker  
Matt Urbanak  
Bill Lam  
Norbert Nann  
Frank Farber, Secretary

The chairman started the call at 10:00 am. Frank Farber gave a short description on recent Sequence VID reference tests that had been run outside the control limits for coolant inlet temperature. On May 7, 2010 the Test Monitoring Center was informed by a lab that 8 calibration tests were run with coolant inlet temperature outside the test method specification because thermocouple leads were flip-flopped between inlet and outlet coolant temperature. The TMC immediately terminated calibration on the stands that were affected. The lab was told the stands would have to complete new test stand requirements to be calibrated. Both ACC and API were notified by the TMC of the situation.

Frank introduced the following amendment to the Regulations Governing the ASTM Test Monitoring System to address some of the issues raised by the Sequence VID event.

### **Current 6.3.4**

Ensure that test stands and testing laboratories participating in the system are calibrated in accordance with prescribed procedures.

### **Amendment to 6.3.4**

Ensure that test stands and testing laboratories participating in the system are calibrated in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Calibration will remain in effect until the next required calibration test period or the date when new information is made available to the Administrator to deem the calibration status terminated.

The Administrator adjudicates any procedural deviations directly with the lab involved after consultation with the appropriate TMC staff and any other knowledgeable sources the Administrator believes appropriate to help understand the specific issue. These can include the test developer, other OEMs, the pertinent Surveillance panel chair, other test laboratories, and the TMB chair.

The burden of proof lies with a test laboratory to provide data to support whether a deviation does not impact test interpretation. This data may include additional back-to-back testing requested by the Administrator. The final decision on calibration status must be the independent decision of the Administrator.

The TMB discussed the amendment and whether going back and invalidating calibration periods after calibration status were granted was an acceptable procedure.

Ron Romano addressed the issue of going back and removing a previously granted calibration. Ron felt that was not the appropriate action and felt that the action taken by the TMC in regard to the Sequence VID situation was appropriate. Andy Ritchie also agreed.

Frank Farber was asked, "If a reference test was reported to the TMC with a procedural deviation and the lab indicated the test was valid would calibration status be given"? Frank answered, no. The board agreed with this response.

Chris Castanien felt that in situations of wrongful intent by a laboratory, revoking a previously granted calibration, from when it was granted, was still needed.

In general, consensus amongst the members was that revoking previously granted calibration periods was not in the best interest of the system.

The following suggestions were recommended to the amendments:

The second paragraph of the amendment needs to have a sentence added to address situations where deviations occurred because of a wrongful intent. Chris was to supply an acceptable sentence for board review.

Chris also suggested that the second sentence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph be changed to allow surveillance panel members and TMB members to be consulted by the Administrator if desired.

The TMB agreed that the first two sentences of the amendment needed to be dropped so that the Administrator did not have to make a judgment about whether a deviation had an impact on test interpretability.

The amendments were to be revised and forwarded to the board for review. The chairmen scheduled another conference call on Monday June 21, 2010 @ 10:00 am eastern to vote on the amendment.

The teleconference was adjourned at 11:00 am eastern.

Submitted by, Frank Farber 6/15/2010