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MEMORANDUM: 06-042
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TO: ASTM Test Monitoring Board
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SUBJECT: ASTM TMC Semiannual Report

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

The TMC financial audit for the period February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006 was completed in April by Lally, Lally & Co. LLC. The outcome of the audit was favorable. A copy of the audit report has been electronically distributed to the Test Monitoring Board. The current financial status of the TMC will be part of the Administrative Guidance Committee report.

There have been no personnel changes since the last report and TMC staffing remains at 13 regular full time employees. The current TMC organizational chart is shown in Attachment A.

The current contract between ASTM and Carnegie Mellon University will expire on January 31, 2007. CMU has been asked to prepare a draft renewal contract for initial review by the AGC and ASTM.

INFORMATION LETTERS

Information letter activity has been high. The following 21 information letters have been issued by the TMC since the last report.

<u>Information Letter</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
Sequence IIIF No. 05-3	11/29/05
Sequence IIIF No. 06-1	4/4/06
Sequence IIIG No. 05-2	11/29/05
Sequence IIIG No. 06-1	4/4/06
Sequence IVA No. 05-3	12/13/05
Sequence IVA No. 06-1	2/16/06
Sequence VG No. 05-4	12/9/05
1K/1N No. 05-2	12/8/05
T-11 No. 05-1	12/8/05
T-11 No. 06-1	2/14/06
T-11 No. 06-2	3/30/06
6V92TA No. 06-1	1/23/06
L-33-1 No. 06-1	2/27/06
L-37 No. 06-1	2/15/06

<u>Information Letter</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
L-42 No. 06-1	3/2/06
CBT No. 05-1	11/14/05
HTCBT No. 05-2	11/14/05
HTCBT No. 05-3	12/13/05
OSCT No. 05-2	12/2/05
OSCT No. 06-1	3/27/06
OSCT No. 06-2	4/3/06

All of these letters are on the Spring Subcommittee B information letter ballot. The results of the ballot will be reported at the TMB meeting on June 26, 2006.

TMC SUPPORT FOR SEQUENCE VID

The TMC is providing storage, quality control, and distribution of the oils being used in the development of the Sequence VID test and in the associated vehicle testing. There are ten test oils, one baseline oil, and one flush oil. The combined total inventory of these oils is nearly 10,000 gallons.

ASTM INTERLABORATORY STUDY PROGRAM

ASTM International's new Interlaboratory Study (ILS) Program can provide administrative assistance to the technical committees of ASTM during the development of precision and bias statements for test methods. The available assistance includes ILS planning and design, material procurement, sample preparation, sample distribution, data collection, and data analysis. Philip Godorov, the ILS Program manager, has contacted the TMC and expressed an interest in using the center as a sample distributor. The TMC would be one of several distributors supporting the ILS Program. As each distribution task arises, ASTM will select a distributor based on capability and availability. It is likely that the TMC can provide some of these distribution services in support of the ILS Program without jeopardizing the primary mission of the center. It is unknown at this time how large an activity the ILS Program will become. Initially, TMC involvement is expected to be only occasional.

NEW REFERENCE OILS

The following reference oils were received and processed by the TMC during the period from November 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006.

<u>Test Type</u>	<u>Oil Code</u>	<u>Quantity (gallons)</u>
VID	VID-J	466
VID	VID-K	463
EOFT/EOWT	78-1	275
D6078/D6079	DFB6	55

During this same time period, the TMC made 242 shipments of reference oils containing a total of 1,884 individual oil samples.

CALIBRATION TEST REPORTING

During the period from November 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006, 1540 calibration tests were reported to the TMC. Also, during this same period, over 97% of all tests reported to the TMC were transmitted electronically.

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Attachment

c: ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/test_monitoring_board/TMC-6-2006.pdf

Distribution: Email

Attachment A

