

Sequence VH Surveillance Panel Meeting
Teams
Monday, October 20, 2025, 9:00 am – 10:00 am EDT

1.0) Attendance

Afton:	B. Campbell, B. Maddock, A. Stone
BP	B. Hochkeppel
Exxon	L. Salvi,
Ford:	M. Deegan, R. Zdrodowski
GM:	K. Zreik
Haltermann Solutions:	E. Hennessey
Infineum:	J. Anthony, T. Dvorak
Intertek:	A. Lopez
Lubrizol:	T. Catanese; G. Szappanos
OHT:	J. Bowden
Oronite:	R. Stockwell
SwRI:	D. Engstrom, T. Kostan, M. Lochte
TMC:	D. Beck, S. Moyer, W. Venhoff
TEI:	D. Lancot
Toyota:	V. Deshpande
Valvoline:	A. Sawant

2.0) Executive Summary

Candidate tests cannot be registered or started on a test stand until a fuel batch or HW batch has been approved and the LTMS reference date has been established.

3.0) Can VH Candidate Tests be Started before Stands are Officially Referenced?

- The LTMS reference test date is always the date that the test was completed.
- In special situations, new HW approval, fuel approvals, etc., the Surveillance Panel has agreed that the LTMS date is set at a different date. In these situations, the LTMS date for all stands may be set to the date that a HW batch or fuel batch is approved for candidate tests.
- A. Lopez stated that he was given verbal approval by the Panel Chair and everyone in the group or just the Panel Chair to test a candidate before the N-batch fuel was approved, but there was no motion to approve starting candidates before the batch was approve.
- A. Lopez had to argue his case to the Surveillance Panel to gain approval for running the candidate test before the batch approval.
- The TMC policy is not to allow case-by-case exceptions for any of the rules, including allowing stands to run any tests after the reference test has EOT'd and before the LTMS date has been established after the fuel batch is approved.

- 3.1) S. Moyer asked why not approve the fuel batch if we all think the fuel is fit for use.
- T. Kostan stated the Stats Group is waiting Lab A's results and an ICF may be appropriate.
 - B. Campbell asked when Lab A will have results to share
 - D. Engstrom said the results will be available before the end of the week.
 - The stats group is meeting in the afternoon (10/20/2025)
 - B. Campbell: There is no reason to go through the time and effort to make reference test exceptions start testing one week early.
 - The meeting notes were clear last time that running candidates before the fuel is approved is not allowed.
 - J. Anthony: The definition of an ACC start, is when the candidate oil is poured into a referenced engine.
 - Valid non-reference candidates count against the run count.
 - S. Moyer: TMC will vote NO for making LTMS dates different across labs.
- 3.2) A. Lopez asked if labs could run tests without reporting to anyone.
- D. Engstrom: The stands run count will show up in the report test number fields. The middle number of runs since calibration and last field as the number of runs on the stand and the
 - Reference is the last fuel matrix test and then you would be running in a state of uncertainty.
 - The TCR # from ACC number has the reference run # on it, so if the registered candidate number is greater than 1, the ACC will say there have been 2 candidate tests.
 - B. Maddock: It will also cause an issue for Form 4.
- 3.3) A. Lopez asked about not-incrementing the number of test after referencing
- G. Szappanos: It's probably that the maximum tests of 15 tests was set during test development due to engineering principles.
 - A. Lopez agrees that stand instrumentation should be completed every 15 tests.
 - G. Szappanos development for there are other parameters that shift over time, engine HW, honing stones, personnel, stand performance, etc. also may change over time.

It was concluded that it was wiser and fairer to wait one week for the next VH SP meeting when the M-3-batch will likely be approved than to attempt to get around current principles and procedures.

4.0) Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am EDT
- Next meeting in-person in San Antonio, TX October 28, 2025 at 10:00 am EDT