Oil Seal Compatibility Test (OSCT) Surveillance Panel Meeting Minutes

Teleconference

10/15/2009

Attendees:

Jerry Gropp (Lz) Bruce McGlone (ArvinMeritor)

Becky Grinfield (SWRI) Thelma Marougy (Eaton, phone)

Don Bell (Afton)

Clayton Knight of the Test Engineering Institute (TEI) contacted the OSCT Surveillance Panel chairman, D. Bell, on 10/14/09 with a request from Dr. Gefie Wu of Valvoline/Ashland about the possibility of purchasing ~12 slabs each of Polyacrylate, Fluoroelastomer, and Nitrile seals for D5662 screening. D. Bell called a Surveillance Panel teleconference meeting to discuss whether TEI should offer these slabs to him.

The Panel thought it was best not to offer the current qualified inventory of each slab for purchase to a non-participant, especially since word of mouth could spread rapidly throughout the industry and create many more similar requests. We worked hard to maintain an ordering process to keep the inventory level at an acceptable level, so it would not be to our advantage to begin offering elastomer slabs to non-participants in the process.

A motion that was made by J. Gropp and 2nd by B. Grinfield was approved unanimously (5 approved) for providing two options for TEI to offer Dr. G. Wu:

- 1. Surveillance Panel authorizes TEI to release the oldest batches of each expired elastomer slabs for sale to Dr. Wu to accommodate his needs (~12 slabs each). Our earlier work has shown the expired slabs to still be of acceptable quality for D5662 testing.
- 2. Surveillance Panel authorizes TEI to approach Freudenberg with a request to potentially make fresh batches of each elastomer to accommodate Dr. Wu's needs.

Meeting adjourned 10/15/09 at 2:39 pm.