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TO: Participants of the Light Duty and Heavy Duty Rating Workshops  
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SUBJECT: Light Duty and Heavy Duty Rating Workshop Format Change

For several decades, the Light Duty and Heavy Duty Rating Workshops have been valuable tools for the lubricant testing industry and the rating community. One of the reasons the workshops have been so durable is that over the years, workshop formats have changed to maintain relevancy and to better meet the needs of users. The current formats have been in place for several years. The TMC, as the workshop facilitator, has received valuable feedback and heard many valid concerns regarding the current format. This feedback has led to several discussions with the Rater Certificate Program Advisory Board, test labs, and individual raters. There is consensus that the workshops could be again be improved by a format change.

The primary change in format is being adopted to provide a more efficient event for raters requiring ASTM test method calibration. *As such, the 2015 Light Duty Rating Workshop will be offered for rating personnel from Seq. III and Seq. V test labs who are required to successfully achieve calibration to rate Seq. III and Seq. V test parts.* This format will be very similar to the format used in the Gear Rater Calibration workshops for the B3 gear test areas. Please note, invitations letters for the spring workshop will be limited to test lab rating personnel who require calibration for rating Seq. III or V engine test parts.

The fall workshop will continue to be the "expanded" workshop, will be open to all interested raters, and will be used to meet the heavy duty rating requirements as well as the various OEM, international, and field rating needs. Also under consideration is adding a training component back to the expanded workshop in the hopes of better assisting the entire rating community.

The TMC is optimistic that these format changes will allow the workshops to better meet the various needs of the different segments of the rating community. We will continue to seek feedback as these changes are implemented and will continue striving to make the rating workshops as valuable as possible.

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