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MEMORANDUM: 20-036

DATE: August 21, 2020

TO: D02.B01 and D02.B02 Surveillance Panel Chairs

FROM: Jeff Clark

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Deposit Rating Workshops due to Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of both the Light and Heavy Deposit Rating Workshops for 2020. As such, the various light and heavy duty engine oil test methods' deposit rater requirements are unable to be met. For light duty raters, Test Monitoring Issue Resolution 2020-05 (attached) was issued in May to grant relief to light duty test lab raters until the next workshop could be held. It is anticipated that further action will be needed to expand relief to apply to heavy duty raters as well as extending relief for light duty raters.

It is understood that these circumstances are far from ideal, and in addition to the relief issues noted above, the industry will need to be creative in devising ways to ensure the accuracy of deposit ratings in the absence of the workshops. The Rating Surveillance Panel will be meeting via teleconference on September 2, 2020 to address these very issues.

In advance of the Rating Surveillance Panel meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me or Rating SP Chair, Bob Campbell (Bob.Campbell@aftonchemical.com) with any questions or concerns that you would like the panel to address.

c: http://www.astmtmc.cmu.edu/ftp/docs/rater_calibration/mem20-036.pdf

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Test Monitoring System Issue Resolution Summary

Test Type / Project:	Light Duty Rating for Sequence III & Sequence V
Issue:	Extension of Rater Calibration due to COVID-19
Reference Number:	2020-02
Date:	May 20, 2020

Summary: Sequence III and Sequence V test methods require test laboratory deposit and sludge raters to calibrate annually at the ASTM Light Duty Rating Workshop. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the workshop, scheduled May 4 – 8, 2020 was cancelled.

Resolution: The TMC is extending all rater calibrations until the next light duty workshop is held. The next workshop is tentatively scheduled for September 27 – October 2, 2020.

Approved By:

TMC Director:

Date: May 20, 2020

TMC Engineering Mgr.:

Date: May 20, 2020

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Seq. V Surveillance Panel
Rating Surveillance Panel