



September 22, 2017

## ANTHRACITE OPERATORS

Anthracite Blasting Competency Certification (shot firer) training sessions will be provided to accommodate underground mine personnel in complying with requirements for verification of blasting competency prior to obtaining a miner's certificate. All persons applying for a certificate of competency, or to entitle them to be employed as miners, must produce satisfactory evidence of having had **not less than** two years' practical experience as a mine laborer in the mines of the Commonwealth. Fall session scheduled for **October 23 & 25, 2017**.

Training is scheduled 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Examination is scheduled from 4p.m.to 9 p.m. at the Tremont Mine Rescue Station, 44 North Crescent Street, Tremont, PA. The two-day training session will consist of gas detection and blasting awareness training on the first day and a written and hands-on test will be administered on the second day. All applicants are required to attend the two-day certification session.

A copy of the application is enclosed for your convenience. Please have the application **COMPLETED, NOTARIZED** and return to DEP, Bureau of Mine Safety, 5 West Laurel Boulevard, Pottsville, PA 17901 as soon as possible but no later than **October 9th**. The application will be reviewed for eligibility to qualify for the examination **before** attending the training. Please be sure to use the updated application (revision date 8/2010). If you require additional copies and are unable to make copies, please contact this office, Scott Wolfgang or your State Mine Inspector for additional applications.

Pre-registration is requested due to the class size limit of 10. Please contact this office or Scott Wolfgang at (570)-695-3610 to register.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Troy A. Wolfgang".

Troy A. Wolfgang  
Chief  
Anthracite & Industrial Minerals Mine Safety Division

Enclosure

cc: MSHA, Frackville  
Schuylkill County Miners' Examining Board