



Bureau of Mine Safety

October 6, 2017

Anthracite Operators

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a "Notice" for you to post at your operation to inform your employees of the **anthracite mine officials training session** scheduled **November 2, 2017** and the **mine official's examination** scheduled **November 9, 2017**. Please contact this office or your district mine inspector to attend the training session.

A copy of the application is enclosed for your convenience. If you are unable to make copies, please contact this office or your district mine inspector for additional applications.

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 Safety Division

Enclosures

NOTICE

BUREAU OF MINE SAFETY ANNOUNCES **ANTHRACITE MINE FOREMAN, ASSISTANT MINE FOREMAN AND MINE EXAMINER EXAMINATIONS**

The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mine Safety, will hold **examinations** for Anthracite Mine Foreman, Assistant Mine Foreman, and Mine Examiner Certificates on **November 9th, 2017**, at DEP, Bureau of Mine Safety, First Floor Conference Room, 5 West Laurel Boulevard, Pottsville, Pa.

Please have the application **COMPLETED, NOTARIZED** and return to DEP, Bureau of Mine Safety office as soon as possible but no later than **October 30, 2017**. An exam/certification fee of \$50.00 in the form of a check or money order payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" shall accompany the application. The application will be reviewed for eligibility to qualify for the examination.

To apply for Anthracite Mine Foreman certification, you must be at least 25 years of age and have satisfactory evidence of at least **five years' practical experience as a miner**, and of good conduct, capability and sobriety. Miners will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of anthracite mining techniques as well as demonstrate the use of mine gas detection equipment.

The one-day examination consists of one session beginning at 8:00 a.m. A practical examination will be given prior to the written examination. This practical examination will be pass or fail. If you fail the practical examination, you are not eligible for the written examination.

A **training session** to prepare for this examination will be held on **November 2, 2017**, 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Tremont Mine Rescue Station, 44 N. Crescent St. Tremont, Pa.

For more information, contact DEP, Bureau of Mine Safety, Anthracite & Industrial Minerals Safety Division, Pottsville, Pa., 17901, telephone 570-621-3139.

If you or members of your group are a person with a disability, and you require an accommodation to participate in the examination, please contact 570-621-3139, or through the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how the Department may accommodate your needs.

Troy A. Wolfgang
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