



# pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Bureau of Mine Safety

March 21, 2014

## 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. The dates are April 28<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> and fall sessions are scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Training is scheduled 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 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 **April 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 for the training session that will fit your schedule.

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

Sincerely,

Troy A. Wolfgang  
Chief

Anthracite & Industrial Minerals Mine Safety Division

Enclosure

cc: MSHA, Wilkes-Barre  
MSHA, Frackville  
Schuylkill County Miners' Examining Board



### APPLICATION FOR ANTHRACITE BLASTER'S COMPETENCY TEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MIIN (MSHA Individual I.D. #) Number \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Mine \_\_\_\_\_

Days of Service From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Mine Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mine Foreman \_\_\_\_\_

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that this application and any attachments contain no misrepresentation or falsification, omission or concealment of material fact, and that the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(in ink)

Taken, sworn and subscribed before me, this

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**NOTE:**

I understand that any false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of PA CS Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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