



November 21, 2022

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.

Training is scheduled **March 23rd from 1 p.m. 6 p.m. and March 30th 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 **March 21st**. 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 black ink that reads "Troy Wolfgang".

Troy A. Wolfgang

Chief

Anthracite Mine Safety Division

Enclosure

cc: MSHA, Frackville
Schuylkill County Miners' Examining Board