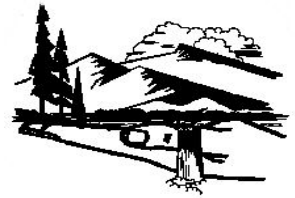




# Department of Environmental Quality

To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations



Mark Gordon, Governor



Todd Parfitt, Director

## Memorandum

**To:** Mining and Blasting Community  
**From:** Reo Barney, Wyoming Blasting Program Manager  
**Date:** February 15, 2023  
**Subject:** Wyoming Blaster Certification Class- May 2023 in Rock Springs, Wyoming

**Training Location:** [Wyoming Machinery Company, 1940 Elk St, Rock Springs, WY 82901](#)  
**Classroom:** TBA  
**Dates of Training:** May 16, 17, and 18, (Tues - Thurs), 2023  
**Cost of Training:** There is no cost for the training  
**Instructor:** Reo Barney PE, Wyoming Blasting Program Manager

Wyoming DEQ-LQD will hold a Wyoming Blaster Certification Training course and give the Wyoming Blasting Exam. Please contact Reo Barney by email [reo.barney@wyo.gov](mailto:reo.barney@wyo.gov) or by phone (307) 675-5612 to register and confirm the number of people attending. This class **may be taken** prior to the completion of the two years of blasting experience but **must have a minimum of 18 months of blasting experience**. Please feel free to forward this invitation to other interested parties. Visit the Wyoming Blasting Program webpage at <https://deq.wyoming.gov/land-quality/blasting/>.

\*To qualify for Blaster Certification, an individual must provide the Wyoming DEQ with **notarized verification of at least two years of blasting experience**. At least one of those years of experience must include shot design, loading of holes, and tying in shots. At least six months of this experience must be hands-on experience on the pattern before a blaster can be eligible to become certified. The individual must also take the Wyoming Blaster Certification class and pass the Blasting Exam with a minimum score of 80%.

### Schedule and Agenda:

**Day 1** Tuesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - 8 hours blaster education credit hours  
 Agenda: Blasting overview, product selection, and pattern design

**Day 2** Wednesday 8:00am to 5:00 pm - 8 hours blaster education credit hours  
 Agenda: Vibration analysis, airblast & flyrock prevention, warning signals, preblast surveys, and blasting plans

**Day 3** Thursday 8:00 am to 10:00 am- 2 hours blaster education hours  
 Agenda: Review and exam preparation  
**Starting at approximately 10:00 am- Wyoming Blasting Exam**

\*For blasters seeking certificate renewal, there are 18 hours possible of blaster education credit without taking the exam and 24 hours if the exam is taken & successfully passed.

### Additional Exam Information:

- \* Cell phone use is prohibited during the exam including calculators on cell phone
- \* Notes are not allowed (formula sheet will be provided)
- \* **There will not be a lunch break the day of the exam. Please plan accordingly.**