Memorandum

To: Mining and Blasting Community
From: Reo Barney, Wyoming Blasting Program Manager
Date: July 6, 2022
Subject: Wyoming Blaster Certification Class- January 2023 Salt Lake City, Utah

Training Location: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Classroom: TBA

Dates of Training: January 10, 11, 12 (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 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. 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/

This blasting course and exam will fill full the State of Utah requirements for new certification and renewal. Please contact Vickie Southwick (vickiesouthwick@utah.gov 801-538-5340) for additional requirements from the State of Utah.

*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 Blaster 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 prepare accordingly.