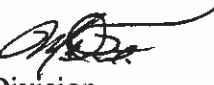




Illinois Department of  
**Natural Resources**

MEMORANDUM

To: All Aggregate and Coal Operators and Contract Blasters

From: Michael D. Falter, Manager   
Explosives and Aggregate Division  
Office of Mines and Minerals

Date: November 12, 2020

Subject: 2021 Blasting Licensure and Certification Training and Examination

This letter is to provide notice of the next scheduled blasting licensure and certification training and examination sessions. All individuals whose duties include the direct supervision of blasting operations at surface coal and non-coal mining operations are required to be licensed or certified.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Department may be required to change the dates, times, and venue of the scheduled training and exam on short notice. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause.

To obtain a blaster license or certificate, a person must provide an application to the Department and show proof of blaster training. Once the application is approved, the person must pass an examination administered by the Department. Individuals may obtain the required training from colleges, consultants or representatives from explosives manufacturers. Training will be provided by the Department, at no charge, in conjunction with each examination.

<u>Training</u>	<u>Examination</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 02-04, 2021	February 05, 2021	IL Department of Natural Resources Office of Mines and Minerals Explosives and Aggregate Division One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271
October 05-07, 2021	October 08, 2021	IL Department of Natural Resources Office of Mines and Minerals Explosives and Aggregate Division One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Although only two examinations have been scheduled for the calendar year of 2021, the Department will continue to offer additional examinations if a company or group of companies can put together at least 12 individuals. The date and location of these additional training and examination sessions will be determined based upon the needs of the participants and the availability of Department training personnel.

Maps will be provided to individuals scheduled to attend the sessions. If you have any questions concerning the blaster license, certificate training or examination please contact Antony Lacey at (217)494-8633. You may also email at [Antony.Lacey@illinois.gov](mailto:Antony.Lacey@illinois.gov) or Angela Martin at [Angela.Martin@illinois.gov](mailto:Angela.Martin@illinois.gov).