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CERTIFICATION OF BLASTERS

(1)(a) Application

Applicants seeking certification as blasters will submit, to the MDEQ, an application on a form provided by the MDEQ. The applicant will have successfully completed a training course meeting the requirements of ARM 17.24.1262(2) and incorporating the training manual prepared by the MDEQ.

(1)(b) Training Manual

SCCC will obtain a copy of the MDEQ training manual, upon request and payment of a reasonable fee, and will update the training manual as necessary.

(2) Issuance of Certification

Applicants seeking blaster certification will possess 2 years of field experience in blasting and will have successfully completed an approved blaster training course meeting the requirements of ARM 17.24.1262, or an approved surface coal mine foremen's certificate examination.

(3) Transfer of Certification

Persons holding a blaster certification will not transfer said certification to another person.

(4) Recertification

Certified blasters will submit, to the MDEQ, an application for recertification at least 60 days prior to expiration of their certification on forms provided by the MDEQ. Certified blasters will have documentation of successful completion of 16 hours of refresher training meeting the requirements of ARM 17.24.1262 during the certification period and will have conducted or directed blasting operations within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of application for recertification, or will have received a grade of 80% or better on a recertification examination.

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(5) Certification Under Other Programs

The MDEQ may certify applicants who have a current state or federal blaster certificate under any program approved by the federal coal regulatory authority under 30 CFR Part 850 and can demonstrate that he or she has met requirements similar to those in (1) and (2) above.