

Section 17.24.621

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF EXPLOSIVES

(1) Compliance With Applicable Laws

SCCC will conduct its mining operations in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding storage, handling, preparation and use of explosives.

(2) Blasts Using Over 5 Pounds of Blasting Agent

All blasting operations calling for more than the equivalent of five pounds of explosives or blasting agent will be conducted in accordance with the time schedule approved by the MDEQ.

(3) Blaster Requirements

Blasting operations will be conducted only by experienced, trained and competent persons who understand the hazards involved. To meet this requirement, SCCC will conduct a continuous training and testing program designed to ensure that all persons working with explosives:

1. Have demonstrated a knowledge of, and willingness to comply with, safety and security requirements
2. Are in good physical condition and not addicted to intoxicants, narcotics, or other similar types of drugs
3. Possess current knowledge of applicable laws and regulations
4. Have obtained a certificate of completion of training and qualification as required by MDEQ

The training and testing program, to be conducted under direction of the SCCC Safety Administrator, or MSHA personnel, will include instruction designed to assure that all operators understand and observe all applicable rules, regulations and safety standards.