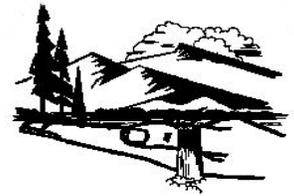




# Department of Environmental Quality

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:** July 30, 2020  
**Subject:** Wyoming Blaster Certification Class- November 2020 in Gillette, Wyoming

**Training Location:** Gillette College Tech Center (**Room TBA**) 3251 S 4-J Rd, Gillette, WY 82718  
**Dates of Training:** November 10, 11, & 12 (Tues - Thurs), 2020  
**Cost of Training:** There is no cost for the training  
**Instructor:** Reo Barney

Wyoming DEQ will hold a Wyoming Blaster Certification Training course. 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 from your organization. The class size will likely be limited to 24 people. New prospective blasters will be given priority to attend this class. If meeting restrictions are modified, the class size may be subject to increase or decrease. **The class is also subject to cancelation and rescheduling pending COVID-19 restrictions at that time.** No refreshments will be provided. 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.

Please see Blasting Website for more information. <http://deq.wyoming.gov/lqd/coal/resources/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 of previous two days  
**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.

### Exam Restrictions:

- \* Cell phone use is prohibited during the exam including calculators on cell phone
- \* There are no notes allowed for the exam (formula sheet will be provided)
- \* There will not be a lunch break the day of the exam. Please prepare accordingly.