

OSM Blaster Certificates

Coal Mining Reciprocity States

The following coal mining States recognize the OSM Blaster Certificate with an issued, reissued or renewed classification as meeting the minimum requirement for establishing technical competence in surface coal mining blasting applications. However, each blaster must still file an application, meet the administrative requirements and possibly take a short examination on local regulations in each state. Federal Program states that require an OSM Blaster certificate are: Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington, Indian Lands.

State Department	State Bureau	License / Certificate Type	Contact
Alaska			Web Page
Alabama Surface Mining Commission		Certified Blaster (for surface coal mining)	William Kitchens (205) 221-4130 Web Page
Colorado			Web Page
Illinois			Web Page
Indiana Department of Natural Resources	Division of Reclamation	Certified Blaster	Phyllis Hart (812) 665-2207 Web Page
Iowa			Web Page
Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office	Investigations Division	Blaster License	Rose Rozmiarek (785) 269-4199 Web Page
Kentucky Department for Natural Resources	Explosives and Blasting Branch	Kentucky Blaster Certificate (Regulation change needed to offer a Blaster License)	Raymond Hudson (606) 435-6079 Web Page
Louisiana Office of Conservation	Injection and Mining Division	Not Available (no coal mine blasting in the state)	Dale Bergquist Web Page
Maryland Department of the Environment	Bureau of Mines	Maryland Surface Coal Mine - Blaster's Certification	John Carey (301) 689-1442 Web Page
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality	Office of Geology	No certificate available	Stan Thieling 601-961-5519 Web Page
Missouri Department of Natural Resources	Land Reclamation Program	Blaster Certificate	Steve Femmer (573) 751-4041 Web Page
Montana Department of Environmental Quality	Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau	Coal Mining Blaster Certification	Peter Mahrt (406) 444-1515 pmahrt@mt.gov Web Page
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural	Mining and Minerals Division	Not Available (Regulation change needed to offer a	John Guranich (505) 476-3412

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Resources Department		New Mexico Blaster Certification)	Web Page
North Dakota			Web Page
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Division of Mineral Resources Management	Blaster Certification (surface blasting at coal and industrial minerals mines)	Mike Mann (330) 339-2207 Web Page
Oklahoma Department of Mines	Oklahoma Miner Training Institute	Surface Blaster Certification	Web Page
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Bureau of Mining and Reclamation/ Explosives and Safety Section	Pennsylvania Blaster's License - Surface Mining Classification	Richard Lamkie (814) 472-1885 Web Page
Texas			Web Page
Utah Department of Natural Resources	Division of Oil, Gas and Mining	Surface Blaster Certification	Ms. Vickie Southwick (435) 613-3731 Web Page
Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy	Division of Mines	Surface Blaster Certification Card (one time only)	Mary Gibson (276) 523-8234 Web Page
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection	Office of Explosives and Blasting	Surface Coal Mine Blaster's Certification (one time only)	Jim Ratcliff (304) 926-0499 x1524 Web Page
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	Land Quality Division	Surface Blaster Certificate	Douglas Emme (307) 675-5612 Web Page