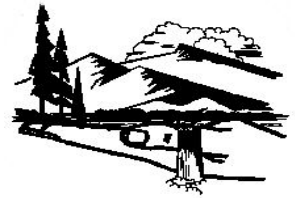




Department of Environmental Quality

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: March 5, 2024
Subject: Wyoming Blaster Certification Class- Utah January 2025

Training Location: [Best Western Cotton Tree 10695 S Auto Mall Dr, Sandy, UT 84070](#)
Dates of Training: January 14, 15, and 16 (Tues - Thurs), 2025 (8 am start time)
Cost of Training: There is no cost for the training
Instructor: Reo Barney PE, Wyoming Blasting Program Manager
Hotel Reservation: Block of 12 hotel rooms have been reserved (\$128 per night plus tax). Call hotel directly 801-523-8484 and reference [Wyoming DEQ Blasting Class](#) to reserve.

Wyoming DEQ-LQD will hold a Wyoming Blaster Certification Training course and give the Wyoming Blasting Exam. Please contact Reo Barney by email reo.barney@wyo.gov or by phone (307) 675-5612 to register and confirm the number of people attending. This class **may be taken** prior to the completion of the two years of blasting experience but **must have a minimum of 18 months of blasting experience**. Please feel free to forward this invitation to other interested parties. Visit the Wyoming Blasting Program webpage at <https://deq.wyoming.gov/land-quality/blasting/>.

This blasting course and exam will fulfill the State of Utah requirements for new certification and renewal. Please contact Levy Woodruff (lkwoodruff@utah.gov 801-538-5352) for additional requirements from the State of Utah.

*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
Starting at approximately 10:00 am- Wyoming Blaster Exam

Additional Exam Information:

- * Cell phone use is prohibited during the exam including calculators on cell phone
- * Notes are not allowed (formula sheet will be provided)
- * There will not be a lunch break the day of the exam. Please prepare accordingly.

*Blaster Certificate Renewal: Class offers 18 Blaster Continuing Education Hours (BCEH) without taking the exam and all required 24 BCEH for renewal if exam is taken & passed.