



COALEX STATE INQUIRY REPORT - 64
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TOPIC: BLASTER CERTIFICATION

INQUIRY: Identify the states which have approved blaster certification programs.

SEARCH RESULTS: A COALEX search identified a number of states that include provisions for the training, examination and certification of blasting personnel in their programs. However, it was noted that a number of state programs are currently being amended to meet OSM requirements. Therefore, a search of the Federal Register was also conducted.

OSM has approved amendments to programs in Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Illinois, and Maryland. Oklahoma's provisions relevant to blaster certification have been approved; however, its amendment to establish a blaster certification program has not been approved. Colorado, Missouri, Utah, and Texas have asked for and received extensions on the deadline for program amendments.

ATTACHMENTS

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

- A. 50 FR 49374 (DECEMBER 2, 1985) (Arkansas amendments).
- B. 50 FR 45110 (OCTOBER 30, 1985) (Illinois amendments).
- C. 50 FR 50293 (DECEMBER 10, 1985) (Kentucky amendments).
- D. 50 FR 36970 (SEPTEMBER 10, 1985) (Maryland amendments).
- E. 49 FR 31676 (AUGUST 8, 1984) (Ohio amendments).
- F. 50 FR 50296 (DECEMBER 10, 1985) (Oklahoma amendments).
- G. 50 FR 32848 (AUGUST 15, 1985) (Pennsylvania amendments).
- H. 51 FR 2489 (JANUARY 17, 1986) (Extension of deadline for Texas amendments).
- I. 50 FR 50901 (DECEMBER. 13, 1985) (Wyoming amendments).

STATE REGULATIONS

- J. Alabama Surface Mining Comm'n Regs., Sec. 850 (1982).
- K. Arkansas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Code, Sec. 850 (1980).
- L. Mississippi Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Regs., Sec. 250 (1980).



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- M. North Dakota Surface Mined Land Reclamation Rules, Sec. 69-05.2-31-02 (1985).
- N. Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Act, Sec. 45.1-256 (1981).
- O. Wyoming Land Quality Rules and Regs., ch. 4, Sec. 1 (1980).