



Illinois Department of  
**Natural Resources** MEMORANDUM

To: All Aggregate and Coal Operators and Contract Blasters

From: Michael D. Falter, Manager  
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Office of Mines and Minerals

Date: November 02, 2023

Subject: 2024 Blasting Licensure and Certification Training and Examination

This letter is to provide notice of the next scheduled blasting licensure and certification training and examination sessions. All individuals whose duties include the direct supervision of blasting operations at surface coal and non-coal mining operations are required to be licensed or certified.

To be eligible for licensure or certification, an applicant must first submit an affidavit from an Illinois licensed blaster, licensed blaster, or employer verifying the applicant's experience and eligibility. Upon approval of the experience affidavit, an application must be completed by the applicant and the applicant must pass an examination administered by the Department. Training will be provided by the Department, at no charge, in conjunction with each examination. There is a \$150 non-refundable application fee for the Surface Aggregate License which is due at the time of training.

<u>Training</u>	<u>Examination</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 20-22, 2024	February 23, 2024	IL Department of Natural Resources Office of Mines and Minerals Explosives and Aggregate Division One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271
October 22-24, 2024	October 25, 2024	IL Department of Natural Resources Office of Mines and Minerals Explosives and Aggregate Division One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Although only two examinations have been scheduled for the calendar year of 2024, the Department will continue to offer additional examinations if a company or group of companies can put together at least 12 individuals. The date and location of these additional training and examination sessions will be determined based upon the needs of the participants and the availability of Department training personnel.

Maps will be provided to individuals scheduled to attend the sessions. If you have any questions concerning the blaster license, certificate training or examination please contact Antony Lacey at (217) 494-8633 or by email at [Antony.Lacey@illinois.gov](mailto:Antony.Lacey@illinois.gov).