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## Fwd: OSMRE approved instructors for Surface Blaster Training and Certification / State of Utah

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Wed, Nov 13, 2013 at 8:52 AM

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Suzanne, please file this E-mail from OSM in the Blaster training contractor requirements file under OGMCOAL, or where you feel it can be securely kept for quick reference. Thank you.

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From: **Pete Hess** < [petehess@utah.gov](mailto:petehess@utah.gov) >

Date: Wed, Nov 13, 2013 at 8:47 AM

Subject: Re: OSMRE approved instructors for Surface Blaster Training and Certification / State of Utah

To: "Eltschlager, Kenneth" < [keltschlager@osmre.gov](mailto:keltschlager@osmre.gov) >

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Very good, Ken. The contractor that has been highly recommended by Bradley Safety Consultants to take over our training and examination in 2015 is definitely qualified in all of the categories which you mentioned. I just wanted to be sure our selection process would be OK with OSM, since we do receive funding for this training.

Thanks for your help.

On Wed, Nov 13, 2013 at 7:46 AM, Eltschlager, Kenneth < [keltschlager@osmre.gov](mailto:keltschlager@osmre.gov) > wrote:

Morning Pete,

I know of no OSM requirements for either a selection or qualification process, nor do we have a list of approved contractors. Generally we rely on the students finding adequate training. Adequate instruction is based on the success of students passing the examination. Unsuccessful students will not return to or recommend the instructor for future classes.

If there is a contract based on a grant, I suspect that a Request for Proposal outlined the requirements and experience of the bidder. In my opinion, the instructor should have experience in explosive products, safety, blast design, drilling, vibrations, blasting seismograph installation, structure damage prevention, record keeping, blast plans, IME recommendations, MSHA rules, ATF rules, blasting forensics, preblast surveys, etc. This goes beyond the general regulatory requirements to ensure a high order of competence. Hopefully most of these were in the RFP. If you need help developing a RFP, I will be glad to help.

Gene, Matt, Any thoughts on this?

KenE

On Tue, Nov 12, 2013 at 2:28 PM, Pete Hess < [petehess@utah.gov](mailto:petehess@utah.gov) > wrote:

What is required for a certified surface blaster to be approved by the U.S. Office of Surface Mining to teach and certify other individuals besides extensive knowledge of blasting and explosives ? Is there an established process for an individual to go through ?

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From: **Pete Hess** < [petehess@utah.gov](mailto:petehess@utah.gov) >

Date: Thu, Nov 7, 2013 at 11:48 AM  
Subject: Re: OSMRE approved instructors for Surface Blaster Training and Certification / State of Utah  
To: Sheri Sasaki <[ssasaki@utah.gov](mailto:ssasaki@utah.gov)>

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2013 at 10:58 AM, Sheri Sasaki <[ssasaki@utah.gov](mailto:ssasaki@utah.gov)> wrote:

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2013 at 10:39 AM, Pete Hess <[petehess@utah.gov](mailto:petehess@utah.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Eltschlager:

I spoke with you in 2010 about our surface blaster training and certification course for the State of Utah.

Our current training contract through Bradley Safety Consultants of Wilburton, Oklahoma will expire in 2015, and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is trying to make arrangements for contacting future potential contract trainers to teach the blasting course starting in 2015.

We realize that any hired contractor must be approved by the U.S. Office of Surface Mining, as OSM pays the Division to have the course taught and the successful applicants certified as coal mine surface blasters.

Does OSM have a list of approved surface blaster training contractors, and it it possible to obtain such a list ? As you are aware, all training requirements are listed in the Utah Coal Mining Rules, R645-105, Blaster Training: Examination and Certification.

Thank you for your time.

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