

**DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY  
DIVISION OF MINED LAND RECLAMATION**

**GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM<sup>1</sup> No. 9-92**

**Issue Date:** April 21, 2008

**Subject:** DMLR Blasters Endorsement Certification  
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Effective January 1, 1993, the Division of Mines (DM) began processing and issuing original applications and renewals of coal surface mine blaster certifications. DM also began conducting endorsement training and tracking all data and information related to the certification and endorsement procedures.

DMLR continues to issue the blaster endorsement certifications and enforce blasting enforcement standards (including suspension or revocation of the endorsement certification, as needed).

| <b>Function</b>   | <b>Contact</b>                      | <b>Telephone</b> |
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| Applications, Renewals, & general certification information | DM –Regulatory Boards Administrator | (276) 523-8234   |
| DM Training & DMLR Endorsement training                     | DM –Coal Mine Safety Engineer       | (276) 523-8231   |
| Blaster violation history, suspension/revocation procedures | DMLR –Training Coordinator          | (276) 523-8191   |

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<sup>1</sup> This Memorandum is to be considered a guideline issued under the authority of § 45.1-230.A1 of the Code of Virginia which reads:

"In addition to the adoption of regulations under this chapter, the Director may at his discretion issue or distribute to the public interpretative, advisory or procedural bulletins or guidelines pertaining to permit applications or to matters reasonably related thereto without following any of the procedures set forth in the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). The materials shall be clearly designated as to their nature, shall be solely for purposes of public information and education, and shall not have the force of regulations under this chapter or under any other provision of this Code."