

DIVISION OF MINES	CHAPTER: V Investigations
PROCEDURES MANUAL	
	PROCEDURE NO: 1.05.08
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SUBJECT: Blasting Complaints	LAST REVISED:

OBJECTIVE AND INTENT

To provide procedures between DMLR and DM for coordinating and conducting blasting complaints to ensure that reported incidents are handled promptly and effectively to protect people and property.

GENERAL

1. DM will respond and investigate blasting complaints identified as health and safety concerns for miners or the public.
2. Blasting complaints which concern the environmental effects of blasting, such as air blast and ground vibration and the effects of such in causing structural or hydrologic damage, will be referred to DMLR.
3. The memorandum of agreement between DMLR and DM on blasting activities will be adhered to in the handling of complaints, and at any time an agency representative requests assistance from the other agency, coordination will take place for investigative purposes.
4. Notify/coordinate with DGO, DMM, or other official if not on a coal mine site.

PROCEDURES:

1. Identify and assess the nature of the complaint.
2. Communicate and coordinate with DMLR.
3. When necessary, the DM Supervisor will determine if health and safety threats exist.
4. If health and safety threats exist, refer to 1.05.07 for investigative procedure.