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TO: All Licensed Mine Operators

FROM:   
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SUBJECT: Mineral Mining Electrician (Electrical Repairman) certification

DATE: August 1, 2015

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) has revised its requirements for certification of mineral mining electricians.

**Section 45.1 -161.292:19 of the Code of Virginia** requires certification of persons who work in mineral mines. This section is applicable when a person's duties and responsibilities are related to mineral mining and require a level of competency, skill, or knowledge in order to perform consistently with the health and safety of persons and property. The above section specifically authorizes a person holding a certificate issued by DMM to perform certain tasks on mineral mine sites. In order to act in the capacity as an Electrical Repairman, a person must possess a valid certification issued by DMM.

**Section 4 VAC 25-35-100 of the Virginia Administrative Code** establishes the Mineral Mining Electrician certification requirements (Electrical Repairman) and allows DMM to grant approval of acceptable equivalent qualifications to that required for journeyman licensure issued by the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation in order to meet this certification requirement.

DMM has determined that a person who possesses a valid Electrical Repairman or Chief Electrician Certification issued by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Division of Mines (DM) meets the equivalent requirement for a journeyman licensure and is eligible to be certified by DMM as a Mineral Mining Electrician (Electrical Repairman).

In order to receive certification as a Mineral Mining Electrician from DMM, an applicant must:

1. Provide DMM a copy of his valid Division of Mines Electrical Certification,
2. Provide verification to DMM from the Division of Mines that his certification is in good standing,
3. Submit the appropriate application for certification to DMM, and
4. Pay the \$10.00 application fee

When an applicant satisfies the above requirements, a Mineral Mining Electrician certification shall be issued.

Please contact our office at 434-951-6310 should you have any questions.