



Mine Blasting Safety and Application Seminar

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This tuition-free seminar is for mining company managers, blasting engineers, blasters, and others involved with the planning, design, and use of explosives in the mining industry.

The most recent innovations in drilling and blasting design technology will be addressed, along with specific blasting applications, up-to-date blasting regulations, and blasting related information from recognized experts. Presenters are drawn from manufacturers of explosives and accessories, blasting consultants, design experts, and government agencies. Examples of topics include:

- Safety in storage, transportation, and use of explosives, and how to recognize and prevent malfunctions.
- Blasting design technology.
- Safe blasting practices.
- Drilling design.
- The use of seismology in blasting applications.
- Electronic initiation systems.
- Flyrock.
- Construction blasting.
- Vibration control.

Contact Jared Adkins at adkins.jared@dol.gov for more information.

NOTE: *The States of West Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio, Colorado, Wyoming, New York and Pennsylvania will accept this seminar as part of the blasting recertification Continuing Education Hours requirement. The Commonwealth of Virginia will accept it for recertification of construction blasters only.*

Location

The seminar will be held at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy, Beaver, West Virginia, starting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and ending at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 2026. Opening remarks will begin promptly at 7:35 a.m. in the auditorium so that classes can begin at 8:00 a.m. in the C Wing of the Academy.

Registration/Accommodations

To register, fill out, detach, and return the registration form to the address listed, You may also fill it out, scan it and email it to Spencer.kimberly@dol.gov. Room and board are available at the Academy for participants. The lodging fees are \$57.50 per person per day. Lodging fees are payable by credit card (Visa/MasterCard). Please note that (1) **cash cannot be accepted**, Persons staying at the Academy may have their spouses and immediate family as guests provided all appropriate fees are paid on arrival. Advance reservations are required. Guests under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times. If you have special needs, please contact Student Services before your arrival at 304-256-3252.

Participants may pay for meals in the cafeteria by cash, credit card, or check made payable to RC Tech, Inc.

Times for the meals are as follows:

Breakfast (6:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.)
Lunch (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

All persons under a program supported through an MSHA State Grant will be provided room and board at no charge. If you are applying for a room/board waiver through a State Grant, you must submit your request no later than 30 days prior to the event in order to allow time for processing. If lodging is preferred outside of the Academy, there are a number of local motels.

All students, including those pre-registered, will be required to sign in for the seminar. You may sign in on Tuesday, February 17, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., near the Student Registration area, or Wednesday and Thursday, February 18-19, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., adjacent to the Auditorium.

*For information on training materials,
call (304) 256-3257 or visit our Web site at
www.msha.gov*

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