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AN ACT relating to mining operations; requiring certification of trona utility shot-firers; specifying certification requirements; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

- **Section 1.** W.S. 30-2-501 by creating new subsections (d) through (f), 30-2-502(a) and 30-2-503(a) through (c) are amended to read:
- 30-2-501. Blasting to be done by certified shot-firers or certified trona utility shot-firers; qualifications and examinations; issuance of certificate; revocation of certificate; requirements when work being done.
- (d) Blasting other than the extraction of an in-situ trona mineral for production purposes, including charging and tamping of holes, shall be done by or under the direct supervision of certified trona utility shot-firers or certified shot-firers.
 - (e) Each trona utility shot-firer applicant shall:
 - (i) Be at least twenty-three (23) years of age;
- (ii) Have at least two (2) years mining or blasting experience before taking the trona utility shot-firer examination;
- <u>(iii) Complete and file an examination</u> application with the state mine inspector;

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- (iv) Pass an oral and written examination prepared and administered by the inspector or his deputies testing knowledge of blasting and shot-firing operations and safety procedures;
- (v) Provide verifiable documentation that he has completed the training required by paragraph (ii) of this subsection and any requirement included in the trona utility blasting training plan as approved by the state mine inspector.
- (f) Each mine operator shall submit for approval by the Wyoming state mine inspector, a trona utility blasting training plan outlining training requirements, safe blasting procedures and methods. The training plan shall include a record of a practical, "hands-on" demonstration of competency. The plan shall require that no single round shall exceed one hundred fifty (150) pounds of explosives.

30-2-502. Shots missed or not fired; report; search to recover undetonated explosive.

(a) The shot-firer or trona utility shot-firer shall immediately after the completion of his work, report in writing to the proper official, any shots missed or not fired, their location and the reason therefor.

30-2-503. Prohibited acts.

- (a) No person shall alter or change any drill hole after it has been approved by the shot-firer or the trona utility shot-firer.
- (b) No shot-firer or trona utility shot-firer, whether voluntarily or by command or request of any person,

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shall fire any unlawful shot, or any shot which is not a workmanlike, proper and practical shot.

(c) No person shall order, command or induce any shot-firer or trona utility shot-firer to fire any unlawful shot, or any shot which is not a workmanlike, proper and practical shot.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2009.

(END)

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