

SENATE FILE NO. SF0101

Trona utility shot-firer certification.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hastert, Cooper and Martin and
Representative(s) Brechtel, Jaggi, Lockhart,
Meyer, Petersen and Thompson

A BILL

for

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

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-2-501 by creating new subsections
9 (d) through (f), 30-2-502(a) and 30-2-503(a) through (c)
10 are amended to read:

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12 **30-2-501. Blasting to be done by certified**
13 **shot-firers or certified trona utility shot-firers;**
14 **qualifications and examinations; issuance of certificate;**
15 **revocation of certificate; requirements when work being**
16 **done.**

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2 (d) Blasting other than the extraction of an in-situ
3 trona mineral for production purposes, including charging
4 and tamping of holes, shall be done by or under the direct
5 supervision of certified trona utility shot-firers or
6 certified shot-firers.

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8 (e) Each trona utility shot-firer applicant shall:

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10 (i) Be at least twenty-three (23) years of age;

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12 (ii) Have at least two (2) years mining or
13 blasting experience before taking the trona utility shot-
14 firer examination;

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16 (iii) Complete and file an examination
17 application with the state mine inspector;

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19 (iv) Pass an oral and written examination
20 prepared and administered by the inspector or his deputies
21 testing knowledge of blasting and shot-firing operations
22 and safety procedures;

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1 (v) Provide verifiable documentation that he has
2 completed the training required by paragraph (ii) of this
3 subsection and any requirement included in the trona
4 utility blasting training plan as approved by the state
5 mine inspector.

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7 (f) Each mine operator shall submit for approval by
8 the Wyoming state mine inspector, a trona utility blasting
9 training plan outlining safe blasting procedures and
10 methods. The plan shall include that no single round shall
11 exceed one hundred fifty (150) pounds of explosives.

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13 **30-2-502. Shots missed or not fired; report; search**
14 **to recover undetonated explosive.**

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

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21 **30-2-503. Prohibited acts.**

1 (a) No person shall alter or change any drill hole
2 after it has been approved by the shot-firer or the trona
3 utility shot-firer.

5 (b) No shot-firer or trona utility shot-firer,
6 whether voluntarily or by command or request of any person,
7 shall fire any unlawful shot, or any shot which is not a
8 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.

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

17 (END)