

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT  
ARM 24.131.402, 24.131.405, )  
24.131.410, and 24.131.501 )  
pertaining to fees, training programs, )  
variances, and requirements for )  
construction blaster licensing )

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On January 15, 2021, the Department of Labor and Industry (department) published MAR Notice No. 24-131-1 regarding the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules, at page 24 of the 2021 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 1.

2. On February 11, 2021, a public hearing was held on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules in Helena via the remote conferencing platform. A few comments were received by the February 12, 2021 deadline.

3. The department has thoroughly considered the comments received. A summary of the comments and the department's responses are as follows:

COMMENT 1: One commenter questioned whether the changes to ARM 24.131.402 will affect the annual license renewal fee.

RESPONSE 1: The changes to this rule will not affect the annual license renewal fee.

COMMENT 2: One commenter questioned if the changes to ARM 24.131.501 means there will no longer be an examination required for construction blaster licensing.

RESPONSE 2: Following the proposed amendments, the exam will no longer be required for licensure.

4. The department has amended ARM 24.131.402, 24.131.405, 24.131.410, and 24.131.501 exactly as proposed.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Certified to the Secretary of State April 20, 2021.