BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of 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

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

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.


/s/ DARCEE L. MOE /s/ LAURIE ESAU
Darcee L. Moe Laurie Esau, Commissioner
Rule Reviewer DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Certified to the Secretary of State April 20, 2021.