

13 NCAC 07F .0712 FIRING THE BLAST

Additions and amendments to 29 CFR 1926.909 Firing the Blast apply throughout the Rules in this Section as follows:

- (a) The Blaster-in-Charge shall establish a code of blasting signals and all blast site employees shall familiarize themselves with and conform to the code. As a minimum, the code shall:
 - (1) contain audible pre-blast and audible all clear signals, and
 - (2) contain an emergency method for guards, flagmen, or other authorized employees to signal "do not fire", and
 - (3) prohibit sounding of the all clear signal until the blaster has checked the blast site for misfires. Table U-1 is an example of a code of blasting signals that would meet these requirements. Further, the Blaster-in-Charge shall require the placement of Danger signs and posting of the blasting signals when personnel not associated with the blasting operation are within the blast area.
- (b) Before a blast is fired, the Blaster-in-Charge shall make certain that all surplus explosives are in an area meeting the ATF explosive storage requirements contained in 27 CFR 55 and that all persons are at a safe distance, or under sufficient cover.
- (c) Flagmen shall be safely stationed on highways which pass through the blast area so as to stop traffic during blasting.
- (d) The Blaster-in-Charge shall fix the time of blasting.
- (e) Before firing an underground blast, warning shall be given, and all possible entries into the blast area, and any entrances to any working place where a drift, raise, or other opening is about to hole through, shall be carefully guarded to prevent entry into the area. The Blaster-in-Charge shall make sure that all surplus employees have been removed from the blast area and that all personnel are out of the blast area.

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