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BITUMINOUS MINE OFFICIAL COMPETENCY COURSE

*******PLEASE POST FOR EMPLOYEES TO READ*******

COMPETENCY CERTIFICATION – All individuals who plan to take the Bituminous Mine Official Examination after April 2009 are required to possess a Certificate of Competency for Gas Detection and Mine Ventilation.

Applicants must have the minimum years of underground experience for certification as stated in Section 202, Qualifications of Certifications, of the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mining Laws.

Individuals wishing to be certified must attend **all three days** of the course and demonstrate their competency in gas detection and mine ventilation.

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals who possess an Act 311 Gas Detection Card and have no PA state mine official certification prior to May 2009 must take the required 3-day course to be eligible for the mine officials' examination.

Classes will be held at the DEP New Stanton Office, 131 Broadview Road, New Stanton, PA, 15672, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

January 20-22	April 13-15	August 10 - 12	November 16-18
February 10-12	May 11-13	September 14-16	December 14 -16
March 10-12	June 23 -25	October 19-21	

The above schedule is subject to change depending on industry needs. Classes with less than 10 individuals scheduled may be canceled and applicants rescheduled.

How to Register:

1. **Send to:** RA-EPBMSREG@pa.gov.
2. **Subject:** "BMOCC" - [Class Date]" Example: "BMOCC Class - January 20-22"
3. **Email:** Include your name(s), phone number, and email address

We will confirm your registration.