



STATEMENT OF BASIS, PURPOSE, AND SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Amendments to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Oil and Public Safety, Explosives Regulations, 7 C.C.R. 1101-9, adopted March 30, 2005.

These regulations are promulgated to establish rules for the use, manufacture, possession, sale, storage, transport, or disposal of explosives materials or blasting agents in the interest of the life, health, and safety of employees and the general public, as well as the protection of property.

To this end, a procedure for the granting of explosives permits is contained herein whereby the opportunity to use, manufacture, possess, sell, store, transport, or dispose of explosives materials is restricted to such permittees and conditioned upon satisfactory continued compliance with these rules and regulations. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations subjects the permittee to suspension, denial, or revocation of the permit.

Adoption of these rules and regulations is intended to greatly clarify the Division of Oil and Public Safety requirements pertaining to the use of explosive materials, to ease the burden on the permittee where interpretation has been necessary, and to better incorporate the numerous requirements from other governmental agencies. These rules and regulations provide for uniformity of compliance and elimination of numerous areas of confusion and duplication in an effort to better serve and protect the public.

The proposed updates include: adding new definitions, adding a new classification for Type I permits, changing the "Avalanche Control" classification to "Avalanche Mitigation" and fixing minor typographical errors.

Statutory authority includes §§9-6-101 through 9-6-108, and §§9-7-101 through 9-7-111.

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