

Kentucky Professional Engineers in Mining Seminar

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FLYROCK





Prevention Tips

- **Confinement through...**
 - **Design**
 - Burden, Spacing, Stemming... on paper.
 - **Execution**
 - Same parameters on a remote bench.
- **AS BUILT = AS DESIGNED???**
 - **3 Examples of where it is not...**
 - Standard Pattern – There is no excuse for this when homes are nearby.
 - Burden at the Face – Where are we drilling?
 - Stemming – Designed with Cuttings?



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Engineers involved?

- **Part 24 of the permit package is the Blast Plan**
 - Licensed Blasters must follow the nonsense that engineers have planned for them.
 - Don't forget the blaster in charge is ultimately responsible and thus in charge when it is time to blast.
- **SMP-61 – Anticipated Blast Design**
 - Required when blasting within 1000 feet of dwelling, etc... or 500 feet of an abandoned deep mine.
- **SMP-60 – Joint MSHA Approval**
 - Within 500 feet of active deep mine
- **Other times to a lesser extent**
 - Pit Design – Does the pattern fit evenly into the pit width?
 - Mine Design – Where is access, bench location, facing?

LIABILITY IS BECOMING MORE OF AN ISSUE!!!!



Flyrock Task Force

MISSION: Reduce and finally eliminate the occurrence of blasting-based flyrock incidents in all industry sectors in Kentucky. The mission will be accomplished through identification of the root causes of flyrock.

TASKS:

- Identify the causes of flyrock incidents based on analysis of historical data
- Identify the actions and activities necessary to prevent the causes of flyrock incidents in the future
- Communicate the framework necessary to deliver the preventative measures to the relevant parties and industry sectors.

MEMBERS

- **Marty Vincent, Owen Yocum, Richard Hamilton, Dave Blankenship, Forrest Shelton, Jeff Taylor, and Julian Smith**
- **Representing all interested industries.**
- **Associations have Pledged Funding to Begin the Work**
- **Contact me for details in order to...**
- **Contribute Information?**
- **Contribute Funds?**

Videos???