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May Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Copperhead Grille
5737 Route 378
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5:30 - 8:00pm

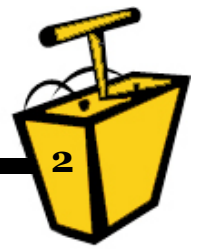
Guest Speaker

Christopher D Catalano
Chief, Explosives and Safety Section
Department of Environmental Protection

The cost is \$30.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Dan Leach
717.574.4024 or danleach58@gmail.com

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Letter from The President

Dear Members,

Our May Chapter Meeting is three weeks away! We are excited to come together as a Chapter at the Copperhead Grille in Allentown on Thursday, May 25th. Please remember to RSVP to Danny Ray Leach. And if you want to get involved in a Chapter leadership role, please let me know.

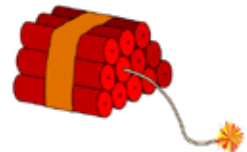
In June we will be hosting an 8-hour Blasters' Training course at the Blair County Convention Center. Registration is online for those who want to attend and sponsor the event. This course is to satisfy those needing credits for their renewal. The PA Drilling and Blasting Conference will be taking place on November 16 & 17 in State College in the 2-day format featuring sponsorship and exhibit opportunities. Stay tuned for more information on that upcoming conference!

Best regards,

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May Meeting Set for May 25th

The Eastern PA Chapter ISEE will host a membership meeting on Thursday, May 25th at the Copperhead Grille, located at 5737 Route 378, Bethlehem, Pa 18015.

Our guest speaker is Christopher D Catalano, Chief of Explosives and Safety Section at the Department of Environmental Protection. He will give a presentation titled, "Building Better Permits". Following his presentation, Steven Shivak, Executive Director of the International Society of Explosives Engineers will also speak.

After our guest speakers, we will hold a Chapter Meeting for our membership. We will be voting on Chapter leadership at this meeting. If you or someone in your organization is interested in getting involved, please contact Scott Mueller at 215-518-9833 or via email at smueller@bluestonedrilling.com.

Registration will begin at 5:30pm, followed by dinner, our guest speakers and the general meeting. The cost is \$30 per member and includes dinner. Please RSVP to Danny Ray Leach at 717-574-4024 or via email at danleach58@gmail.com by Friday, May 19th.



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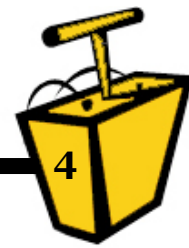
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2023 Blasters' Training

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Blair County Convention Center
1 Convention Center Drive, Altoona, PA 16602

8:00am - 5:00pm
(Registration begins at 7:00am)

Registration includes the training, lunch and two breaks

Early Bird Pricing by June 7th	Regular Pricing on June 8th	Membership Type
\$150	\$190	Eastern PA Chapter Members
\$185	\$225	Non-Members (registration includes 2023 Eastern PA Chapter Membership)

This training has been approved by the Pennsylvania DEP to satisfy the 8-hour continuing education credits required for license renewal.

To register and sponsor the training, please visit
<http://www.easternpaisee.com/attendee-registration/>



2023 Blasters' Training Set for June 2023

The Eastern Pennsylvania & Mid-Atlantic ISEE Chapters will host the 2023 Blasters' Training on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the Blair County Convention Center, located at One Convention Center Drive, Altoona, PA.

Registration begins at 7:00am and the training will run from 8:00am – 5:00pm. If you register by June 7th, the cost is \$150 for Eastern PA Chapter ISEE members or \$185 for non-members (registration includes 2023 Eastern PA Chapter Membership). Registration starting on June 8th will cost \$190 for Eastern PA Chapter ISEE members or \$225 for non-members (registration includes 2023 Eastern PA Chapter Membership). Lunch and breaks are included in your registration fee.

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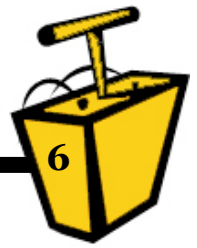
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Blasters' Training Continued

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Our speakers will include:

- * Joey Accardo from Epiroc will present, "Improving the Drill Blast Cycle Utilizing Technology"
- * Frank Chiappetta will present, "Causes of Flyrock and Controls"
- * Jay Elkin from Wampum Hardware Co. will present, "Underground Portal Development"
- * Kim Gdovichin of Lancer Insurance will present, "In Case of Emergency: Notifications and Procedure"
- * Tom Hairhoger of Austin Powder will present, "The Importance of Keeping Good Blast Records"
- * Mike Koehler will present, "BEC Controlling Vibrations at a Railroad Bridge"
- * Robert McClure of RAM Inc. will present, "Oversized Reduction Through Caprock Management"
- * Douglas Rudenko, from Vibra-Tech Engineers, Inc. will present, "Scale Distance and Predicting Vibration"
- * Josh Schoonover from Orica will present, "Driving Continuous Improvement through Blast Design"

To register or sponsor the training, please visit <https://www.easternpaisee.com/attendee-registration/>.

Discounted Hotel Rate

Discounted room rates are available at the Courtyard by Marriott located at 2 Convention Center Drive, Altoona, PA 16602. Please call 888-236-2427 and reference the Eastern PA ISEE room block to secure your room at the discounted rate of \$129 per night plus 11% state and local occupancy tax.



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US Department of Labor Announces \$10.5M Funding Availability to Support Mine Safety, Health Training, Education

MSHA News Release: [April 14, 2023]

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Labor today announced that its Mine Safety and Health Administration is making \$10.5 million grant funding available to help provide mine safety training for the nation's miners.

MSHA will award these grants as part of its fiscal year 2023 State Grants program to fund the delivery of federally mandated training and re-training for miners working at surface and underground coal and metal and nonmetal mines.

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Grant applications must be submitted by June 12, 2023, and grants will be awarded on or before Sept. 30, 2023.



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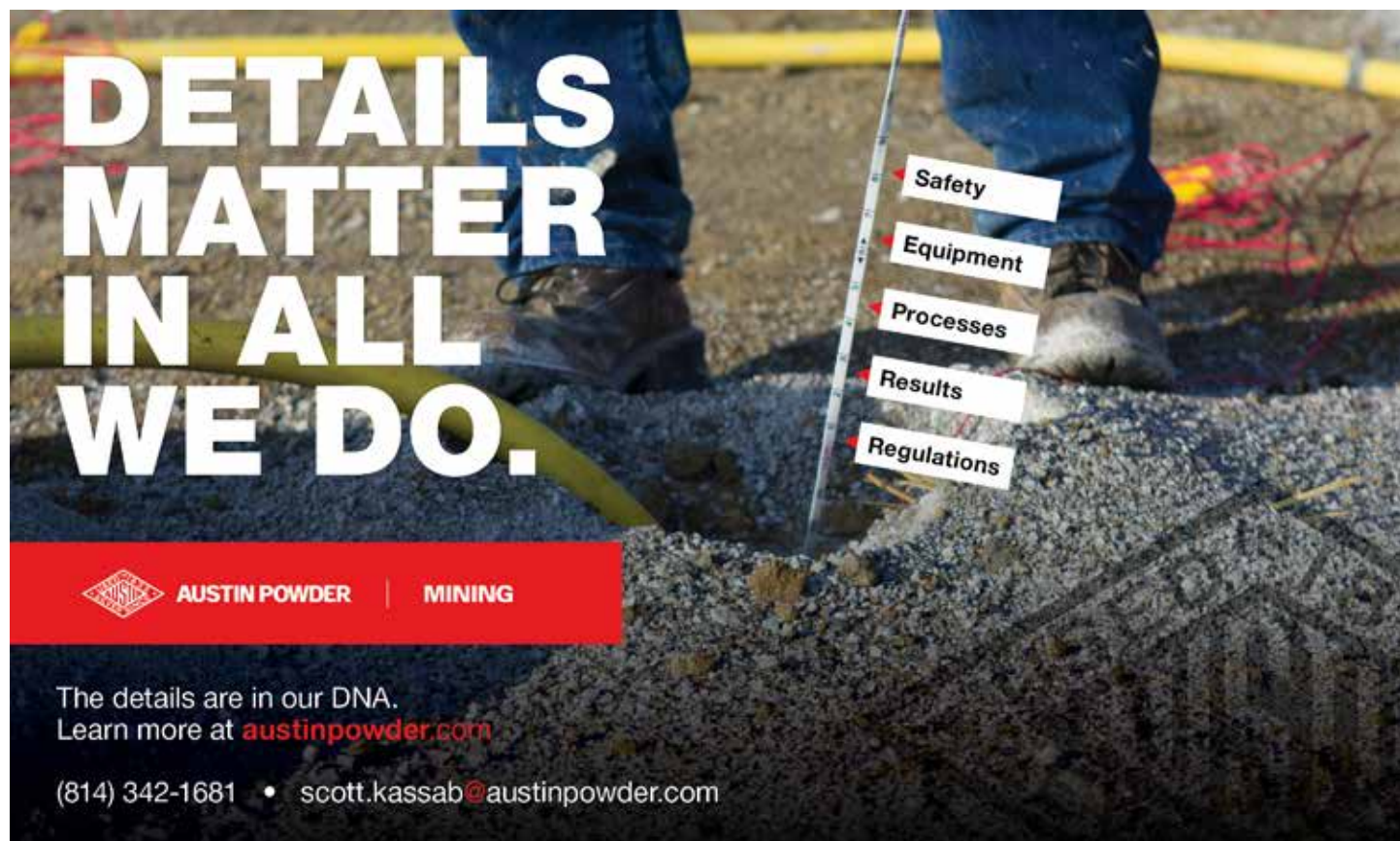
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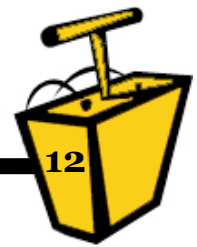


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