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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 319, RSMo, by adding thereto seventeen new sections relating to blasting and excavation, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

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Section A. Chapter 319, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto seventeen  
2 new sections, to be known as sections 319.300, 319.303, 319.306, 319.309,  
3 319.312, 319.315, 319.318, 319.321, 319.324, 319.327, 319.330, 319.333, 319.336,  
4 319.339, 319.342, 319.343, and 319.345, to read as follows:

319.300. Sections 319.300 to 319.345 shall be known as the  
2 "Missouri Blasting Safety Act". The purpose of sections 319.300 to  
3 319.345 shall be to foster the safe use of explosives in mining and  
4 construction by establishing and enforcing consistent statewide  
5 industry standards for licensing of blasters and persons using  
6 explosives. The provisions of sections 319.300 to 319.345 or any rules  
7 or regulations promulgated thereunder shall not be construed to  
8 amend, supersede, or conflict with any requirement of federal law or  
9 regulation governing the manufacturing, transporting, or storage of  
10 explosives.

319.303. As used in sections 319.300 to 319.345, the following  
2 terms shall mean:

- 3 (1) "Blaster", a person qualified to be in charge of and responsible  
4 for the loading and firing of an explosive or explosive material;  
5 (2) "Blast", detonation of explosives;  
6 (3) "Blasting", the use of explosives in mining or construction;  
7 (4) "Blast site", the area where explosives are handled during

8 loading of a bore hole, including fifty feet in all directions from the  
9 perimeter formed by loaded holes. A minimum of thirty feet may  
10 replace the fifty feet requirement if the perimeter of loaded holes is  
11 marked and separated from nonblast site areas by a barrier. The fifty  
12 feet or thirty feet distance requirements, as applicable, shall apply in  
13 all directions along the full depth of the bore hole;

14 (5) "Board", the state blasting safety board created in section  
15 319.324;

16 (6) "Bore hole", a hole made with a drill, auger, or other tool in  
17 which explosives are placed in preparation for detonation;

18 (7) "Burden", the distance from an explosive charge to the  
19 nearest free or open face at the time of detonation;

20 (8) "Business day", any day of the week except Saturday, Sunday,  
21 or a federal or state holiday;

22 (9) "Deck", charge of explosives separated from other charges by  
23 stemming;

24 (10) "Delay period", the time delay provided by blasting caps  
25 which permits firing of bore holes in sequence;

26 (11) "Detonation", the action of converting the chemicals in an  
27 explosive charge to gases at a high pressure by means of a self-  
28 propagating shock wave passing through the charge;

29 (12) "Detonator", any device containing initiating or primary  
30 explosive that is used for initiating detonation of another explosive  
31 material. A detonator may not contain more than ten grams of total  
32 explosives by weight, excluding ignition or delay charges. The term  
33 includes, but is not limited to, electric blasting caps of instantaneous  
34 and delay types, blasting caps for use with safety fuse, detonating cord  
35 delay connectors, and nonelectric instantaneous and delay blasting  
36 caps which use detonating cord, nonelectric shock tube, or any other  
37 replacement for electric leg wires;

38 (13) "Explosives", any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the  
39 primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion,  
40 including, but not limited to, dynamite, black powder, pellet powder,  
41 initiating explosives, detonators, millisecond connectors, safety fuses,  
42 squibs, detonating cord, igniter cord, and igniters; includes explosive  
43 materials such as any blasting agent, emulsion explosive, water gel, or  
44 detonator. Explosive materials determined to be within the coverage

45 of sections 319.300 to 319.345 shall include all such materials listed in  
46 Chapter 40 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as amended, as issued  
47 at least annually by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol,  
48 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

49 (14) "Firing", causing explosives to be detonated by the use of a  
50 fuse, electric detonator, or nonelectric shock tube;

51 (15) "Fire Protection official", an authorized representative of a  
52 municipal fire department, fire protection district, or volunteer fire  
53 protection association for the area where blasting occurs;

54 (16) "Fugitive from justice", any person who has fled from the  
55 jurisdiction of any court of record to avoid prosecution for any crime  
56 or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding. The term  
57 shall also include any person who has been convicted of any crime and  
58 has fled to avoid case disposition;

59 (17) "Initiation system", components of an explosive charge that  
60 cause the charge to detonate, such as primers, electric detonators, and  
61 detonating charge;

62 (18) "Loading", placing of explosives in a hole in preparation for  
63 detonation;

64 (19) "Local government", a city, county, fire protection district,  
65 volunteer fire protection association, or other political subdivision of  
66 the state;

67 (20) "Person using explosives", any individual, proprietorship,  
68 partnership, firm, corporation, company, or joint venture that is  
69 required to hold authority to receive or use explosives under statutes  
70 or regulations administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau  
71 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and who employs licensed  
72 blasters;

73 (21) "Scaled distance", a value determined by dividing the linear  
74 distance, in feet, from the blast to a specified location, by the square  
75 root of the maximum weight of explosives, in pounds, to be detonated  
76 in any eight millisecond period;

77 (22) "Seismograph", an instrument that measures ground  
78 vibration and acoustic effects;

79 (23) "Spacing", the distance between adjacent bore holes;

80 (24) "Stemming", inert material that is placed above explosives  
81 that have been placed in a blast hole in preparation for detonation or

82 vertically between columnar decks of explosives that have been placed  
83 in a hole in preparation for detonation;

84 (25) "Uncontrolled structure", any dwelling, public building,  
85 school, church, commercial building, or institutional building, that is  
86 not owned or leased by the person using explosives, or otherwise under  
87 the direct contractual responsibility of the person using explosives.

319.306. 1. Any individual who uses explosives in Missouri shall  
2 obtain a blaster's license, except those exempted in subsection 18 of  
3 this section. A person using explosives shall not be required to hold a  
4 blaster's license, but all blasting on behalf of a person using explosives  
5 shall be performed only by licensed blasters. Applications for a  
6 blaster's license or renewal of a blaster's license shall be on a form  
7 designated by the Missouri division of fire safety, and shall contain the  
8 following:

- 9 (1) The applicant's full name;
- 10 (2) The applicant's home address;
- 11 (3) The applicant's date of birth;
- 12 (4) The applicant's sex;
- 13 (5) The applicant's physical description;
- 14 (6) The applicant's driver's license number;
- 15 (7) The applicant's current place of employment;
- 16 (8) A listing of any other blasting license or certification held by  
17 the applicant, to include the name, address, and phone number of the  
18 regulatory authority that issued the license or certification;
- 19 (9) Any other information required to fulfill the obligations of  
20 sections 319.300 to 319.345.

21 2. Any individual who has met the qualifications set forth in  
22 subsection 4 of this section may apply for a blaster's license.

23 3. An applicant for a blaster's license shall submit an application  
24 fee and two copies of the applicant's photograph with the application  
25 submitted to the division of fire safety. The amount of such fee shall  
26 be established by rule promulgated by the division of fire safety. The  
27 fee established by rule shall be no greater than the cost of  
28 administering this section, but shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

29 4. An applicant for a blaster's license shall:

- 30 (1) Be at least twenty-one years of age;
- 31 (2) Not have willfully violated any provisions of sections 319.300

32 to 319.345;

33 (3) Not have knowingly withheld information or has not made  
34 any false or fictitious statement intended or likely to deceive in  
35 connection with the application;

36 (4) Have familiarity and understanding of relevant federal and  
37 state laws relating to explosives materials;

38 (5) Not have been convicted in any court of, or plead guilty to,  
39 a felony;

40 (6) Not be a fugitive from justice;

41 (7) Not be an unlawful user of any controlled substance in  
42 violation of chapter 195, RSMo;

43 (8) Except as provided in subsections 11 and 13 of this section,  
44 have completed an approved blaster's training course that meets the  
45 requirements of subsection 14 of this section and has successfully  
46 passed the licensing examination under the provisions of subdivisions  
47 (1) to (5) of subsection 15 of this section;

48 (9) Have accumulated at least one thousand hours of experience  
49 directly relating to the use of explosives within two years immediately  
50 prior to applying for a blaster's license and shall provide signed  
51 documentation from an employer, supervisor, or other responsible  
52 party verifying the applicant's experience;

53 (10) Not have been adjudicated as mentally defective; and

54 (11) Not advocate or knowingly belong to any organization or  
55 group that advocates violent action against any federal, state, or local  
56 government, or against any person.

57 5. Any individual holding a blaster's license under the provisions  
58 of this section shall promptly notify the division of fire safety if he or  
59 she has had any change of material fact relating to any qualification for  
60 holding a blaster's license.

61 6. If the division of fire safety finds that the requirements for a  
62 blaster's license have been satisfied, a license shall be issued to the  
63 applicant.

64 7. A blaster's license shall expire three years from the date of  
65 issuance. To qualify for a renewal of a blaster's license, an individual  
66 will be required to provide documentation of completing eight hours of  
67 training in an explosives-related course of instruction that is approved  
68 by the division of fire safety, at least half of which shall have been

69 completed within the year prior to renewal. The remainder of such  
70 training for renewal of the license may be acquired at any time during  
71 the three-year period that a license is valid. Additional training  
72 beyond an accumulated eight hours during any three-year period is not  
73 valid for more than one subsequent renewal of the license.

74 8. Each license issued under the provisions of this section shall  
75 provide documentation to the license holder in the form of a letter or  
76 letter-sized certificate and a card that is approximately two inches by  
77 three inches in size. Each shall specify a unique license number, the  
78 name of the individual, his or her driver's license number, the  
79 individual's photograph, the blaster's license's effective date and its  
80 expiration date, and any other record-keeping information needed by  
81 the division of fire safety. In addition, the card form of the license  
82 shall contain a photographic image of the license holder.

83 9. Each individual required to have a blaster's license shall keep  
84 at least one form of license documentation on his or her person or at  
85 the site of blasting and shall provide documentation that he or she has  
86 a currently valid license to a representative of the division of fire  
87 safety upon a written or verbal request. No enforcement action shall  
88 be taken against any individual that cannot comply with such a request  
89 so long as the division of fire safety's records provide documentation  
90 that the individual has a valid blaster's license.

91 10. (1) A blaster's license issued under the provisions of this  
92 section may be suspended or revoked by the division of fire safety upon  
93 substantial proof that the individual holding the license has:

94 (a) Knowingly failed to monitor the use of explosives as provided  
95 in section 319.309;

96 (b) Negligently or habitually exceeded the limits established  
97 under section 319.312;

98 (c) Knowingly or habitually failed to create a record of blasts as  
99 required by section 319.315;

100 (d) Had a change in material fact relating to their qualifications  
101 for holding a blaster's license as described in subsection 4 of this  
102 section;

103 (e) Failed to advise the division of fire safety of any change of  
104 material fact relating to his or her qualifications for holding a blaster's  
105 license; or

106           (f) Knowingly made a material misrepresentation of any  
107 information by any means of false pretense, deception, fraud,  
108 misrepresentation, or cheating for the purpose of obtaining training or  
109 otherwise meeting the qualifications of obtaining a license.

110           (2) The division of fire safety shall provide any notice of  
111 suspension or revocation, as provided in subdivision (1) of this  
112 subsection, in writing, sent by certified mail to the last known address  
113 of the holder of the license. The notice may also be verbal, but this  
114 does not eliminate the requirement for written notice. Upon receipt of  
115 a verbal or written notice of suspension or revocation from the division  
116 of fire safety, the individual holding the license shall immediately  
117 surrender all copies of the license to a representative of the division of  
118 fire safety and shall immediately cease all blasting activity.

119           (3) The individual holding the license may appeal any suspension  
120 or revocation to the state blasting safety board established under  
121 section 319.324 within forty-five days of the date written notice was  
122 received. The division of fire safety shall immediately notify the  
123 chairman of the board that an appeal has been received and a hearing  
124 before the board shall be held. The board shall consider and make a  
125 decision on any appeal received by the division of fire safety within  
126 thirty days of the date the appeal is received by the division of fire  
127 safety. The board shall make a decision on the appeal by majority vote  
128 of the board and shall immediately notify the licensee of its decision in  
129 writing. The written statement of the board's decision shall be  
130 prepared by the division of fire safety or its designee and shall be  
131 approved by the chairman of the board. The approved statement of the  
132 board's decision shall be sent by certified mail to the last known  
133 address of the holder of the license.

134           11. Any individual whose license has been expired for a period  
135 of three years or less shall be required to successfully pass the  
136 examination as provided in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 15 of  
137 this section and attend the eight hours of training required for renewal  
138 of a license as minimum qualifications for submitting an application for  
139 reinstatement of the license. Any individual whose license has been  
140 expired for a period of more than three years shall meet the  
141 qualifications set forth in subsection 4 of this section, including  
142 completing twenty hours of training and passing the examination, prior

143 to applying for a blaster's license.

144       12. A license may be granted to applicants who within the last  
145 three years have held a valid license or certification from any other  
146 source if all of the qualifications for obtaining the license or  
147 certification meet or exceed the provisions of this section. It is the  
148 duty of the division of fire safety to investigate the qualifications  
149 required for obtaining a license or certification from any other  
150 source. Licenses or certification held prior to the effective date of the  
151 rule required by subsection 19 of this section shall be deemed to meet  
152 requirements for this subsection, provided that they meet requirements  
153 of the rule.

154       13. A license may be granted upon the application of an  
155 individual employed as a blaster on or before December 31, 2000, and  
156 who has accumulated one thousand hours of training or education  
157 pertaining to blasting and experience working for a specific person  
158 using explosives within two years immediately prior to applying for a  
159 license. The application shall include a statement of hours of  
160 experience in the form of an affidavit signed by the person using  
161 explosives who has employed or contracted with the blaster for the  
162 preceding two years. Such applicant also shall meet the requirement  
163 of subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), and (11) of subsection  
164 4 of this section. Any individual granted a license under this  
165 subsection shall be limited to blasting performed for the person using  
166 explosives submitting the affidavit required by this subsection. Such  
167 licensee shall meet the requirements for continuing training required  
168 by subsection 7 of this section.

169       14. (1) The division of fire safety or its authorized agent shall  
170 offer annually at least two courses of instruction that fulfill the  
171 training requirement of qualifying for a blaster's license and two  
172 courses that fulfill the training requirement for renewal of a blaster's  
173 license. In addition, any person may apply to the division of fire safety  
174 for approval of a course of instruction that meets the training  
175 requirement of obtaining a blaster's license or renewal of a blaster's  
176 license. The application shall include a description of the  
177 qualifications of the instructor, a description of instructional materials  
178 to be used in the course, and an outline of the subject matter to be  
179 taught, including minimum hours of instruction on each topic. The



180 division of fire safety shall review the application regarding the  
181 knowledge and experience of proposed instructors, the total hours of  
182 training and the adequacy of proposed training in subject matter with  
183 regard to the provisions of sections 319.300 to 319.345. If the division  
184 of fire safety determines that training proposed by the applicant is  
185 adequate, a letter of approval shall be issued to the applicant. The  
186 letter of approval shall be effective for a period of three years. If at  
187 any time the division of fire safety determines that an approved  
188 training course no longer meets the standards of this section, the letter  
189 of approval may be revoked with written notice. The division of fire  
190 safety or any person providing a course of instruction may charge an  
191 appropriate fee to recover the cost of conducting such instruction.

192 (2) To be approved by the division of fire safety, a blaster's  
193 training course shall contain at least twenty hours of instruction to  
194 prepare attendees for obtaining a blaster's license the first time, or  
195 eight hours of instruction to prepare attendees for obtaining a license  
196 renewal.

197 (3) Any person providing training in a course of instruction  
198 approved by the division of fire safety shall submit a list of individuals  
199 that attended any such course to the division of fire safety within ten  
200 business days after completion of the course.

201 (4) The division of fire safety shall maintain a current list of  
202 persons who provide approved training and shall make this list  
203 available by any reasonable means to professional and trade  
204 associations, labor organizations, universities, vocational schools, and  
205 others upon request.

206 15. (1) The division of fire safety shall approve a standard  
207 examination or examinations for the purpose of qualifying an  
208 individual to obtain a blaster's license. Each individual taking the  
209 examination shall pay a fee to the division of fire safety, or the  
210 division's agent, that is established by rule. Testing fees shall be no  
211 greater than what is required to administer the testing provisions of  
212 this section and shall not exceed fifty dollars per test.

213 (2) Except as provided in subsection 11 of this section, no  
214 individual shall be allowed to take an examination for purposes of  
215 obtaining a blaster's license unless that individual has completed a  
216 training course approved by the division of fire safety. The individual

217 must have completed an approved course of instruction as provided in  
218 subdivision (1) of subsection 14 of this section no longer than two years  
219 prior to taking the examination. The examination may be administered  
220 by any person approved to provide a course of instruction, as provided  
221 in subdivision (1) of subsection 14 of this section, at the site of  
222 instruction, provided that any such examination may, at the discretion  
223 of the state fire marshal, be conducted under the supervision of the  
224 division of fire safety. The division of fire safety may also administer  
225 such examinations at other times and locations.

226 (3) Standards for passing the examination shall be set by the  
227 division of fire safety by rule.

228 (4) The division of fire safety or its authorized agent shall  
229 provide a written statement within thirty days to the individual taking  
230 the examination as to whether that individual passed or failed.

231 (5) Any individual failing to pass the examination may retake the  
232 examination within six months without having to complete an  
233 additional approved course of instruction. If the individual fails the  
234 second examination, the person must complete another course of  
235 instruction as required in subdivision (1) of subsection 14 of this  
236 section before taking the examination again. No limit will be placed on  
237 how many times any individual may take the examination, subject to  
238 the provisions of this subdivision of this subsection.

239 (6) Individuals having previously taken an approved blaster's  
240 training course, and passed an approved examination, and having  
241 taken an approved blaster's renewal training course, or that have  
242 obtained a blaster's license as provided in subsections 12 and 13 of this  
243 section are eligible for renewal of a blaster's license after meeting the  
244 requirements of subsection 7 of this section. The fee for renewal of a  
245 license shall be the same as the fee specified in subsection 3 of this  
246 section.

247 16. No individual shall load or fire explosives or direct, order, or  
248 otherwise cause any individual to load or fire explosives in this state  
249 unless that individual has a valid blaster's license or is under the direct  
250 supervision and responsibility of an individual having a valid blaster's  
251 license. For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means the  
252 supervisor is physically present on the same job site as the individual  
253 who is loading or firing explosives. An individual without a blaster's

254 license who is loading or firing explosives while under the direct  
255 supervision and responsibility of someone having a blaster's license  
256 shall not be in violation of sections 319.300 to 319.345.

257       17. Persons found guilty of loading or firing explosives, or  
258 directing, ordering, or otherwise causing any individual to load or fire  
259 explosives in this state without having a valid blaster's license, or that  
260 loads and fires explosives without being under the direct supervision  
261 and responsibility of an individual holding a blaster's license as  
262 provided in sections 319.300 to 319.345, shall be guilty of a class B  
263 misdemeanor for the first offense or a class A misdemeanor for a  
264 second or subsequent offense. Any individual convicted of a class A  
265 misdemeanor under the provisions of sections 319.300 to 319.345 shall  
266 be permanently prohibited from obtaining a blaster's license in this  
267 state.

268       18. The requirement for obtaining a blaster's license shall not  
269 apply to:

270       (1) Individuals employed by universities, colleges, or trade  
271 schools when the use of explosives is confined to instruction or  
272 research;

273       (2) Individuals using explosive materials in the forms prescribed  
274 by the official U.S. Pharmacopoeia or the National Formulary and used  
275 in medicines and medicinal agents;

276       (3) Individuals conducting training or emergency operations of  
277 any federal, state, or local government including all departments,  
278 agencies, and divisions thereof, provided they are acting in their  
279 official capacity and in the proper performance of their duties or  
280 functions;

281       (4) Individuals that are members of the armed forces or any  
282 military unit of Missouri or the United States who are using explosives  
283 while on official training exercises or who are on active duty;

284       (5) Individuals using pyrotechnics, commonly known as  
285 fireworks, including signaling devices such as flares, fuses, and  
286 torpedoes;

287       (6) Individuals using small arms ammunition and components  
288 thereof which are subject to the Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C.,  
289 Section 44, and regulations promulgated thereunder;

290       (7) Any individual performing duties in underground mines

291 regulated by 30 CFR Part 48, Subpart A, 30 CFR Part 57, or performing  
292 duties in coal mining regulated by 30 CFR Part 75, and 30 CFR Part 77  
293 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, or using explosives  
294 within an industrial furnace;

295 (8) Any individual having a valid blaster's license or certificate  
296 issued under the provisions of any requirement of the U.S. government  
297 in which the requirements for obtaining the license or certificate meet  
298 or exceed the requirements of sections 319.300 to 319.345;

299 (9) Individuals using agricultural fertilizers when used for  
300 agricultural or horticultural purposes;

301 (10) Individuals handling explosives while in the act of  
302 transporting them from one location to another;

303 (11) Individuals assisting or training under the direct  
304 supervision of a licensed blaster;

305 (12) Individuals handling explosives while engaged in the  
306 process of explosives manufacturing;

307 (13) Employees, agents, or contractors of rural electric  
308 cooperatives organized or operating under chapter 394, RSMo; and

309 (14) Individuals discharging historic firearms and cannon or  
310 reproductions of historic firearms and cannon.

311 19. The division of fire safety shall promulgate rules under this  
312 section to become effective no later than July 1, 2008. Any individual  
313 loading or firing explosives after the effective date of such rule shall  
314 obtain a license within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of  
315 such rule. Any experience or training prior to the effective date of  
316 such rule that meets the standards established by the rule shall be  
317 deemed to comply with this section.

319.309. 1. Any person using explosives in the state of Missouri  
2 shall calculate the scaled distance to the nearest uncontrolled  
3 structure. If more than one uncontrolled structure is the same  
4 approximate distance from the blast site, then the person using  
5 explosives may select one representative structure for calculation of  
6 scaled distance.

7 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "uncontrolled  
8 structure" shall not apply to the following:

9 (1) Buildings in a state of disrepair or neglect which are not  
10 being used as a permanent residence;

- 11           (2) Noncommercial storage sheds;
- 12           (3) Temporary structures;
- 13           (4) Any unoccupied mobile recreational vehicle, trailer, or
- 14 camper;
- 15           (5) Agricultural barns, storage sheds, and animal shelters;
- 16           (6) Any building on mine property that is owned by the mine
- 17 operator or contained on property leased by the mine operator.

18           3. In any instance when the scaled distance value is fifty-five or  
19 less, any person using explosives, except as provided in section 319.321,  
20 shall use at least one seismograph calibrated to the manufacturer's  
21 standard for use to record the ground vibration and acoustic levels that  
22 occur from the use of such explosives or explosive materials. When  
23 measuring ground vibration and acoustic levels, the seismograph shall  
24 be placed in the proximity of the nearest uncontrolled structure or, at  
25 the option of the person using explosives, closer to the blast site. If  
26 more than one uncontrolled structure is the same approximate distance  
27 from the blast site, then the person using explosives may select one  
28 representative structure for placement of the seismograph.

29           4. Any person using explosives who is voluntarily using a  
30 seismograph calibrated to the manufacturer's standard for use for all  
31 blasting is exempt from the requirements of this section.

          319.312. 1. (1) Any person using explosives in the state of  
2 Missouri in which monitoring with a seismograph is required, as  
3 provided in section 319.309, shall comply with ground vibration limits  
4 based on the U.S. Bureau of Mines Report of Investigations 8507,  
5 Appendix B.

6           (2) In lieu of the ground vibration limit established in  
7 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the person using explosives may  
8 submit a written request to the division of fire safety to use an  
9 alternate compliance method. Such written request shall be supported  
10 by sufficient technical information, which may include but not be  
11 limited to, documented approval of such method by other federal, state,  
12 or local political subdivisions which regulate the use of  
13 explosives. Upon submittal by the person using explosives of a request  
14 to use an alternate compliance method, the state blasting safety board  
15 shall issue a written determination as to whether the technical  
16 information submitted provides sufficient justification for the alternate

17 method to be used as a method of demonstrating compliance with the  
18 provisions of this section.

19       2. Any person using explosives in the state of Missouri in which  
20 monitoring with a seismograph is required, as provided in section  
21 319.309, shall limit acoustic values from blasting to one hundred thirty-  
22 three decibels using a two hertz flat response measuring system based  
23 on the Office of Surface Mining Regulation 816.67(b)(1)(i).

          319.315. 1. Seismograph recordings of the ground vibration and  
2 acoustic levels created by the use of explosives, when required by  
3 section 319.309, shall be retained for at least three years. Such  
4 recordings shall be made available to the division of fire safety within  
5 twenty-four hours of a request by any representative of the division of  
6 fire safety. Each seismograph recording and the accompanying records  
7 shall include the:

- 8       (1) Maximum ground vibration and acoustics levels recorded;
- 9       (2) Specific location of the seismograph equipment, its distance  
10 from the detonation of the explosives, the date of the recording, and the  
11 time of the recording;
- 12       (3) Name of the individual responsible for operation of the  
13 seismograph equipment and performing an analysis of each recording;  
14 and
- 15       (4) Type of seismograph instrument, its sensitivity and  
16 calibration signal or certification date of the last calibration.

17       2. When seismograph recordings of the use of explosives are  
18 required by section 319.309, a record of each such use of explosives  
19 shall be made and retained for at least three years. The record shall be  
20 completed by the end of the business day following the day in which  
21 the explosives were detonated. Such records shall be made available  
22 to the division of fire safety, upon request, within twenty-four hours of  
23 the request. Each record shall include the:

- 24       (1) Name of the person using the explosives;
- 25       (2) Location, date, and time of the detonation;
- 26       (3) Name of the licensed blaster responsible for use of the  
27 explosives;
- 28       (4) Type of material blasted;
- 29       (5) Number of bore holes, burden, and spacing;
- 30       (6) Diameter and depth of bore holes;

- 31           (7) Type of explosives used;
- 32           (8) Weight of explosives used per bore hole and total weight of  
33 explosives used;
- 34           (9) Maximum weight of explosives detonated within any eight  
35 millisecond period;
- 36           (10) Maximum number of bore holes or decks detonated within  
37 any eight millisecond period;
- 38           (11) Initiation system, including number of circuits and the timer  
39 interval, if a sequential timer is used;
- 40           (12) Type and length of stemming;
- 41           (13) Type of detonator and delay periods used, in milliseconds;
- 42           (14) Sketch of delay pattern, including decking;
- 43           (15) Distance and scaled distance, if required under the  
44 provisions of 319.309, to the nearest uncontrolled structure;
- 45           (16) Location of the nearest uncontrolled structure, using the  
46 best available information.
- 47           3. If the type of blasting being recorded by a seismograph does  
48 not involve bore holes, then the record required in subsection 2 of this  
49 section shall contain the:
- 50           (1) Name of the person using the explosives;
- 51           (2) Location, date, and time of the detonation;
- 52           (3) Name of the licensed blaster responsible for use of the  
53 explosives;
- 54           (4) Type of material blasted;
- 55           (5) Type of explosives used;
- 56           (6) Weight of explosives used per shot and total weight of  
57 explosives used;
- 58           (7) Maximum weight of explosives detonated within any eight  
59 millisecond period;
- 60           (8) Initiation system, including number of circuits and the timer  
61 interval, if a sequential timer is used;
- 62           (9) Type of detonator and delay periods used, in milliseconds;
- 63           (10) Sketch of delay pattern;
- 64           (11) Distance and scaled distance, if required under the  
65 provisions of section 319.309, to the nearest uncontrolled structure;
- 66           (12) Location of the nearest uncontrolled structure, using the  
67 best available information.

68           4. It shall be the duty of each licensed blaster and each person  
69 using explosives to assure that the requirements of this section are  
70 met. Any person using explosives shall provide properly calibrated  
71 seismographic equipment at the closest practical proximity to the  
72 nearest uncontrolled structure, or at the option of the person using  
73 explosives the seismograph equipment may be located nearer to the  
74 blast site on an approximate line between the nearest uncontrolled  
75 structure and the blast site. Licensed blasters shall create the record  
76 required in subsections 2 and 3 of this section and provide such record  
77 to the person using explosives, who shall be responsible for  
78 maintaining records required in this section.

          319.318. 1. Any person using explosives shall comply with the  
2 provisions of this section.

3           2. Provisions of federal law and regulation regarding the  
4 manufacturing, transportation, distribution, and storage of explosives  
5 shall be enforced by the appropriate federal agency and shall not be  
6 subject to enforcement under sections 319.300 to 319.345.

7           3. Within sixty days after the effective date of sections 319.300 to  
8 319.345, each person using explosives or intending to use explosives in  
9 Missouri shall register with the division of fire safety. Any person  
10 using explosives who is not required to register on the effective date,  
11 who subsequently uses explosives in Missouri, shall register with the  
12 division of fire safety prior to first using explosives in Missouri. The  
13 initial registration shall state the name of the person, address,  
14 telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address, and name of the  
15 principal individual having responsibility for supervision of the use of  
16 explosives. A fee of two hundred dollars shall be submitted with the  
17 initial registration.

18           4. Each person using explosives that is required to register  
19 under subsection 3 of this section shall by January thirty-first of each  
20 year after registering file an annual report with the division of fire  
21 safety for the preceding calendar year.

22           (1) The initial annual report shall only include that portion of  
23 the preceding calendar year after the date the person became subject  
24 to the requirement to register under subsection 3 of this section.

25           (2) The report shall include:

26           (a) Any change or addition to the information required in



27 subsection 3 of this section;

28 (b) The name and address of the distributors from which  
29 explosives were purchased;

30 (c) The total number of pounds of explosives purchased for use  
31 in Missouri and the total number of pounds actually used in Missouri  
32 during the period covered by the report. Persons required to report  
33 annually shall maintain records sufficient to prove the accuracy of the  
34 information reported.

35 (3) The person using explosives shall submit with the annual  
36 report a fee per ton, as established under this section, based on the  
37 amount of explosives used in Missouri. If the report of total pounds  
38 used results in a portion of a ton, the cumulative total of the fee shall  
39 be rounded to the nearest ton. The fee shall be five hundred dollars  
40 plus one dollar and fifteen cents per ton of explosives used. The fee per  
41 ton authorized under this subdivision may be adjusted by rule provided  
42 the fee shall not exceed two dollars per ton. The state blasting safety  
43 board shall review the fee schedule on a biennial basis and approve or  
44 disapprove adjustments in fees by rule.

45 5. (1) The division of fire safety may audit the records of any  
46 person using explosives required to report annually under subsection  
47 4 of this section to determine the accuracy of the number of pounds of  
48 explosives reported. In connection with such audit, the division of fire  
49 safety may also require any distributor of explosives to provide a  
50 statement of sales during the year to persons required to report under  
51 subsection 4 of this section.

52 (2) It shall be a violation of sections 319.300 to 319.345 to fail to  
53 register or report as required by subsection 3 of this section or  
54 knowingly report false information in the reports required under  
55 subsections 3 and 4 of this section. The state fire marshal may issue a  
56 notice of violation under section 319.333 for failure to register or report  
57 or for knowingly reporting false information in the reports required by  
58 subsections 3 and 4 of this section. The notice of violation shall be  
59 subject to the same procedures and rights of appeal as established in  
60 sections 319.324, 319.327, and 319.333.

61 (3) Any person who fails to register or report or who knowingly  
62 reports false information in the reports required under subsections 3  
63 and 4 of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding

64 two thousand dollars for the first offense or a penalty not exceeding  
65 five thousand dollars for a second or subsequent offense. Fees for use  
66 of explosives not reported shall also be paid.

67 6. It shall be a violation of sections 319.300 to 319.345 for any  
68 person using explosives to:

69 (1) Engage in blasting other than by a licensed blaster or an  
70 individual working under the direct supervision of a licensed blaster;

71 (2) Fail to calculate the scaled distance, conduct monitoring of  
72 vibration and noise levels, and conduct record keeping as required by  
73 sections 319.300 to 319.345;

74 (3) Fail to carry a minimum of one million dollars in commercial  
75 general liability insurance.

76 7. The state fire marshal may issue a notice of violation for any  
77 violation of subsection 6 of this section which shall be subject to the  
78 same procedures and rights of appeal as established in sections 319.324,  
79 319.327, and 319.333.

80 8. A violation of subsection 6 of this section shall be subject to  
81 a civil penalty not exceeding two thousand dollars for the first offense  
82 or a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars for a second or  
83 subsequent offense.

319.321. Sections 319.309, 319.312, 319.315, and 319.318 shall not  
2 apply to:

3 (1) Universities, colleges, or trade schools when confined to the  
4 purpose of instruction or research;

5 (2) The use of explosive materials in the forms prescribed by the  
6 official U.S. Pharmacopoeia or the National Formulary and used in  
7 medicines and medicinal agents;

8 (3) The training or emergency operations of any federal, state,  
9 or local government including all departments, agencies, and divisions  
10 thereof, provided they are acting in their official capacity and in the  
11 proper performance of their duties or functions;

12 (4) The use of explosives by the military or any agency of the  
13 United States;

14 (5) The use of pyrotechnics, commonly known as fireworks,  
15 including signaling devices such as flares, fuses, and torpedoes;

16 (6) The use of small arms ammunition and components thereof  
17 which are subject to the Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C., Section 44,

18 and regulations promulgated thereunder. Any small arms ammunition  
19 and components thereof exempted by the Gun Control Act of 1968 and  
20 regulations promulgated thereunder are also exempted from the  
21 provisions of sections 319.300 to 319.345;

22 (7) Any person performing duties using explosives within an  
23 industrial furnace;

24 (8) The use of agricultural fertilizers when used for agricultural  
25 or horticultural purposes;

26 (9) The use of explosives for lawful demolition of structures;

27 (10) The use of explosives by employees, agents, or contractors  
28 of rural electric cooperatives organized or operating under chapter 394,  
29 RSMo; and

30 (11) Individuals discharging historic firearms and cannon or  
31 reproductions of historic firearms and cannon.

319.324. 1. The state blasting safety board is hereby created and  
2 assigned to the division of fire safety under the state fire  
3 marshal. There shall be seven members of this board, as appointed by  
4 the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to be  
5 comprised of:

6 (1) One representative of a municipality or county governed by  
7 sections 319.300 to 319.345 who serves in the capacity of director of  
8 public works or a similar position;

9 (2) One representative of a person using explosives that is  
10 engaged in mining that is subject to the requirements of section 319.300  
11 to 319.345;

12 (3) One representative of a person using explosives that is  
13 engaged in construction;

14 (4) One person who is in the business of providing contract blast  
15 monitoring services;

16 (5) Two persons who manufacture or distribute explosives; and

17 (6) The state fire marshal or his or her designee.

18 2. Each board member shall serve for a term of six years, except  
19 for the members initially appointed one term shall be for one year, one  
20 term shall be for two years, one term shall be for three years, one term  
21 shall be for four years, one term shall be for five years, and one term  
22 shall be for six years. Members appointed and serving shall serve until  
23 their successor is named and shall be eligible for reappointment. The

24 state fire marshal or his or her designee shall be a standing member of  
25 the board and shall have the power to vote.

26 3. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but  
27 may be reimbursed by the division of fire safety for reasonable and  
28 necessary expenses. Meetings of the board shall be held in facilities  
29 arranged by the division of fire safety. Hearings of the board may be  
30 held at a location in Missouri agreed upon by the state fire marshal and  
31 the chairman of the board. Upon agreement by the licensee, the state  
32 fire marshal, and the chairman of the state blasting safety board,  
33 hearings may be conducted by conference call.

34 4. The board shall annually by January thirty-first elect a  
35 chairman from one of the members other than the state fire marshal or  
36 his or her designee. The chairman shall be elected by majority vote of  
37 the board and shall preside over all meetings and hearings and perform  
38 any specific duties set out in sections 319.300 to 319.345.

39 5. The state fire marshal or his or her designee shall perform the  
40 duties of secretary of the board.

41 6. The board shall meet as needed at the call of the chairman or  
42 upon written notice by the state fire marshal. The board shall meet at  
43 least once each calendar year.

44 7. It shall be the duty of the board to:

45 (1) Advise the state fire marshal in the development of  
46 application and registration forms, training and examinations, and  
47 setting fees for the filing of required applications, registrations, and  
48 reports;

49 (2) Approve or disapprove any examination for licensing of  
50 blasters;

51 (3) Hold hearings and make decisions by majority vote upon  
52 appeals under subsection 10 of section 319.306 and upon notices of  
53 violation under subsection 7 of section 319.318 or section 319.333;

54 (4) Approve or disapprove any rule proposed by the division of  
55 fire safety for the administration of sections 319.300 to 319.345;

56 (5) Advise or assist the division of fire safety in any other matter  
57 regarding administration or enforcement, within the scope and  
58 requirements of sections 319.300 to 319.345.

59 8. For any matter upon which a hearing is held under  
60 subdivision (3) of subsection 7 of this section, any referral of a notice

61 of violation or request for criminal or civil enforcement action or  
62 injunctive relief shall be made by the state fire marshal to the attorney  
63 general or a prosecuting attorney, only upon a majority vote by the  
64 board.

319.327. 1. It shall be the duty of the division of fire safety to:

2 (1) Develop and distribute all forms, certificates, and printed  
3 material necessary for carrying out duties relating to applications,  
4 registrations, training, testing, and licensing required by sections  
5 319.300 to 319.345;

6 (2) Publish, distribute, and administer an examination that tests  
7 the knowledge of applicants for a blaster's license in the safe and  
8 proper use of explosives. The examination may be given to applicants  
9 by representatives of the division of fire safety, by persons approved  
10 by the division of fire safety to provide training under section 319.306,  
11 or by other persons designated by the division of fire safety;

12 (3) Upon approval by majority vote of the state blasting safety  
13 board, promulgate any rule necessary for carrying out the purposes of  
14 sections 319.300 to 319.345. No rule promulgated by the state fire  
15 marshal shall duplicate, amend, supersede, or conflict with the  
16 provisions of any statute, regulation, or policy established by:

17 (a) The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
18 Firearms and Explosives;

19 (b) Chapter 40 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as amended;

20 (c) The U.S. Department of Transportation;

21 (d) The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration; or

22 (e) The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration;

23 (4) Investigate possible violations of sections 319.300 to 319.345  
24 upon the complaint of any citizen that believes explosives are being  
25 used in such a way to endanger the public's safety or property, or upon  
26 any cause for the state fire marshal to believe that a violation is  
27 occurring. To conduct such investigations, the state fire marshal shall  
28 assign adequately trained personnel within the division of fire safety  
29 to inspect blasting sites, examine records and seismograph recordings,  
30 inspect blaster's licenses, inspect registration and reporting records  
31 required by section 319.315, or determine if any other provision of  
32 sections 319.300 to 319.345 has been violated. Such inspectors shall be  
33 employees of the division of fire safety and may act on a full-time or

34 part-time basis. Any such inspector shall meet the requirements of  
35 section 319.306 for being licensed as a blaster in the state of Missouri;

36 (5) Receive and provide information and assistance, in  
37 cooperation with local governments, federal agencies, and agencies of  
38 other states, in administration and enforcement of sections 319.300 to  
39 319.345 and similar laws, regulations, and requirements in other  
40 jurisdictions.

41 2. The division of fire safety may enforce any provision of  
42 sections 319.300 to 319.345 by referral of violations to the attorney  
43 general or a prosecuting attorney and may seek criminal penalties, civil  
44 penalties, and may seek injunctive relief as authorized by sections  
45 319.300 to 319.345. Any violation of sections 319.300 to 319.345, other  
46 than loading or firing explosives in violation of subsection 16 of section  
47 319.306 which shall be subject to penalties under such section, shall be  
48 subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two thousand dollars for the  
49 first offense or a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars for a  
50 second or subsequent offense. For any matter upon which a hearing is  
51 held under subdivision (3) of subsection 7 of section 319.324, any  
52 referral of a notice of violation or request for enforcement action shall  
53 be made by the state fire marshal to the attorney general or a  
54 prosecuting attorney, only upon a majority vote by the board.

319.330. There is hereby created in the state treasury the  
2 "Missouri Explosives Safety Act Administration Fund", which shall  
3 consist of all fees collected under sections 319.300 to 319.345,  
4 appropriations of the general assembly, federal grants, and private  
5 donations. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In  
6 accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo, the state treasurer  
7 may approve disbursements. Upon appropriation, money in the fund  
8 shall be used solely for the administration of sections 319.300 to  
9 319.345. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the  
10 contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium  
11 shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund except that,  
12 at the end of each biennium and after all statutorily or constitutionally  
13 required transfer of funds have been made, the state treasurer shall  
14 transfer the balance in the fund, except for gifts, donations, bequests,  
15 or money received from a federal source, created in this section in  
16 excess of two hundred percent of the fund's previous fiscal year's

17 expenditures into the state general revenue fund. The state treasurer  
18 shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are  
19 invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
20 credited to the fund. The state fire marshal shall submit a report to the  
21 state blasting safety board and the public each year that describes the  
22 revenue created by fees established under the provisions of sections  
23 319.300 to 319.345 and how the revenue was expended to enforce the  
24 provisions of sections 319.300 to 319.345, including the number of  
25 employees used and activities performed.

319.333. Any individual or person using explosives who the state  
2 fire marshal or his or her representative determines, upon substantial  
3 evidence, to be in violation of sections 319.300 to 319.345 may be issued  
4 a notice of violation by the division of fire safety. Any hearings  
5 regarding suspension or revocation of a blaster's license shall be  
6 conducted under the provisions of subsection 10 of section 319.306,  
7 rather than the provisions of this section. Any notice of violation of  
8 any provision of sections 319.300 to 319.345 shall be in writing and shall  
9 state the section or sections violated and the circumstance of the  
10 violation, including date, place, person involved, and the act or  
11 omission constituting the violation. The notice shall also inform the  
12 person receiving the notice of the right to request a hearing before the  
13 state blasting safety board for any violation, except for the violation of  
14 failure to hold a blasting license as required by section 319.306 for  
15 which no appeal may be made. The recipient may request a hearing  
16 within forty-five days of the date the notice was received. If a hearing  
17 is requested, the state fire marshal shall immediately inform the  
18 chairman of the board. The person receiving the notice, the state fire  
19 marshal, and the chairman of the board shall establish a mutually  
20 acceptable date and place for the hearing, which in no case shall be  
21 more than thirty days after the hearing was requested. The hearing  
22 shall be conducted as an uncontested case, although the person or the  
23 state fire marshal may be represented by an attorney. Within fifteen  
24 days of such hearing, the board shall notify the person of its decision  
25 on the appeal, which may include upholding, modifying, or  
26 disapproving the notice of violation. The board's action upon the  
27 appeal shall be decided by majority vote. If the notice of violation is  
28 upheld by the board, in whole or part, upon a separate majority vote of

29 the board, the person may be referred for enforcement action as  
30 provided in section 319.327.

319.336. Any individual aggrieved by any official action of the  
2 state blasting safety board or the division of fire safety affecting their  
3 license status, including revocation, suspension, failure to renew, or  
4 refusal to grant a license may seek a determination thereon by the  
5 administrative hearing commission under the provisions of section  
6 621.045, RSMo.

319.339. 1. Any person using explosives within Missouri shall  
2 notify the division of fire safety in writing or by telephone at least two  
3 business days in advance of first using explosives at a site where  
4 blasting has not been previously conducted. If blasting will be  
5 conducted at an ongoing project, such as a long term construction  
6 project, or at a permanent site, such as a mine, the person shall only be  
7 required to make one notice to the division of fire safety in advance of  
8 the first use of explosives.

9 2. The notice required by this section shall state the name,  
10 address, and telephone number of the person using explosives, the  
11 name of the individual responsible for supervision of blasting, the date  
12 or approximate period over which blasting will be conducted, the  
13 location of blasting by street address, route, or other description, and  
14 the nature of the project or reason for blasting.

15 3. This section shall not apply to any blasting required by a  
16 contract with any agency of the state of Missouri, any federal agency,  
17 or any political subdivision.

319.342. 1. Any person using explosives that will conduct  
2 blasting within the jurisdiction of a municipality shall notify the  
3 appropriate representative of the municipality in writing or by  
4 telephone at least two business days in advance of blasting at that  
5 location. An appropriate representative shall be deemed to be the city's  
6 public works department, code enforcement official, or an official at  
7 the main office maintained by the municipality. In any area where  
8 blasting will be conducted, whether in a municipality or in an  
9 unincorporated area, the person using explosives also shall notify the  
10 appropriate fire protection official for the jurisdiction where blasting  
11 will occur, which may be a city fire department, fire protection district,  
12 or volunteer fire protection association. The notice required by this



13 section shall state the name, address, and telephone number of the  
14 person using explosives, the name of the individual responsible for  
15 supervision of blasting, the date or approximate period over which  
16 blasting will be conducted, the location of blasting by street address,  
17 route, or other description, and the nature of the project or reason for  
18 blasting. If blasting will be conducted at an ongoing project, such as  
19 a long term construction project, or at a permanent site, such as a  
20 surface mine, the person shall only be required to make one notice to  
21 the municipality or appropriate fire protection official in advance of  
22 the first use of explosives. Any such ongoing projects or permanent  
23 sites in existence at the time of the effective date of sections 319.300 to  
24 319.345 shall not be required to provide notice as described in this  
25 subsection.

26       2. Any person using explosives which will conduct blasting  
27 within the jurisdiction of a municipality shall notify the owner or  
28 occupant of any residence or business located within a scaled distance  
29 of fifty-five from the site of blasting prior to the start of blasting at any  
30 new location. One notification by mail, telephone, printed notification  
31 posted prominently on the premises or the property of the owner or  
32 occupant of the residence or business, or delivered in person to any  
33 such owner or occupant meets the requirements of this subsection. A  
34 municipality may provide the name, last known address, and telephone  
35 number of the owners or occupants of any residence or business that  
36 may be located within the scaled distance of fifty-five from the site of  
37 blasting to the person using explosives upon request.

38       3. Any municipality or county may by ordinance or order:

39       (1) Require that a permit be obtained in addition to the notice  
40 required by subsection 1 of this section, with such application for  
41 permit being due no more than ten days prior to the first use of  
42 explosives;

43       (2) Require that the application for the permit contain specific  
44 information about the type of explosives to be used and their storage  
45 location at the site where used;

46       (3) Require the applicant to demonstrate an acceptable plan for  
47 signage or other means of informing the public of blasting in proximity  
48 to public streets or highways and any request for temporary closing of  
49 streets or routing of traffic;

50           (4) Specify the times of day blasting may be conducted, which  
51 shall not be less than eight consecutive hours on any day of the week  
52 except the ordinance or order may prohibit blasting on Sunday unless  
53 approved by the municipality or county upon application by the person  
54 using explosives;

55           (5) Require that the applicant submit proof that the person using  
56 explosives is registered with the division of fire safety and that blasting  
57 will be conducted by a licensed blaster;

58           (6) Require that the applicant submit proof of commercial  
59 general liability insurance in an acceptable amount, which shall be no  
60 less than one million dollars and no more than five million dollars;

61           (7) Require that the applicant make at least three documented  
62 attempts to contact the owner of any uncontrolled structures within a  
63 scaled distance of thirty-five from the blast site in order to conduct a  
64 preblast survey of such structures. A preblast survey is not required  
65 if the owner of any such structure does not give permission for a survey  
66 to be conducted;

67           (8) Enact any other provision necessary to carry out the  
68 provisions of the ordinance or order, including the conditions under  
69 which the permit may be suspended or revoked or appropriate fines  
70 may be imposed for failure to obtain a permit or violations of the  
71 permit.

72           4. A permit for blasting under a municipal or county ordinance  
73 or order authorized by subsection 3 of this section shall be granted by  
74 the municipality or county upon satisfying the requirements of the  
75 ordinance or order and upon the applicant's payment of a reasonable  
76 fee to cover the administration of the permit system.

77           5. Any authorized representative of a municipality, county or an  
78 appropriate fire protection official may:

79           (1) Require any person using explosives to show proof that he or  
80 she is registered with the division of fire safety and blasting is being  
81 conducted by an individual that is licensed under the provisions of  
82 section 319.306;

83           (2) Request and be allowed access to the site of blasting by the  
84 person using explosives and shall be allowed to observe blasting from  
85 a safe location as designated by the blaster;

86           (3) Examine records of blasting required to be maintained by

87 sections 319.309 and 319.315. However, no municipality, county, or fire  
88 protection official shall require a person using explosives or a blaster  
89 to surrender such records or a copy of such records to the municipality  
90 or fire protection official except as necessary under an investigation of  
91 the blaster's violation of a municipal or county permit;

92 (4) Report suspected violations of section 319.300 to 319.345 to  
93 the division of fire safety.

94 6. Except for any ordinance or order of any county with a  
95 charter form of government and with more than one million  
96 inhabitants, no provision of a municipal ordinance or county ordinance  
97 or order in effect on August 28, 2007, or which may be adopted at a  
98 future date by a city or county may preempt, amend, exceed, or conflict  
99 with the provisions of sections 319.300 to 319.342 nor any rule  
100 promulgated by the state fire marshal under section 319.327. Neither  
101 shall any existing or future municipal ordinance or county ordinance  
102 or order preempt, amend, exceed, or conflict with the provisions of any  
103 statute, regulation, or policy established by:

104 (1) The United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol,  
105 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

106 (2) Chapter 40 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as amended;

107 (3) The United States Department of Transportation;

108 (4) The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration; or

109 (5) The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

110 7. Subsections 1, 2, and 3, of this section shall not apply to any  
111 blasting required by a construction contract with any agency of the  
112 state of Missouri, any federal agency, or any political subdivision.

113 8. Nothing in this section shall preempt the rights and remedies  
114 afforded by the general assembly or common law to persons damaged  
115 by blasting.

319.343. The provisions of subsection 6 of section 319.342 in  
2 regard to the provisions of sections 319.300 to 319.342 or any rule  
3 promulgated by the state fire marshal thereunder shall not apply to an  
4 ordinance, order, permit, or regulation in effect as of January 1, 2007,  
5 which regulates the use of explosives at the site of a quarry in any  
6 county with a charter form of government and with more than two  
7 hundred fifty thousand but fewer than three hundred fifty thousand  
8 inhabitants. For purposes of this section, quarry shall include any

9 place where rock, ore, stone, or similar materials are excavated for sale  
10 or off-premises use. A quarry shall not include the removal or  
11 relocation of rock, stone, or earth incidental to the construction of  
12 residential, commercial, or industrial buildings. Nothing in this section  
13 shall be construed to exempt any person loading or firing explosives in  
14 any county governed by this section from meeting the licensing  
15 requirements of section 319.306 and paying licensing fees under that  
16 section. Neither shall this section be construed to exempt any person  
17 using explosives in any county defined by this section from registering  
18 with and reporting to the division of fire safety under section 319.318  
19 and paying all registration and reporting fees under that section.

319.345. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in  
2 section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in  
3 sections 319.300 to 319.345, shall become effective only if it complies  
4 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and,  
5 if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536,  
6 RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
7 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay  
8 the effective date, or to disapprove or annul a rule are subsequently  
9 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any  
10 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and  
11 void.

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