MEMORANDUM DM – CMS-25-02

TO: All Coal Mine Operators

FROM: *M. Randy Moore*
                    M. Randy Moore, Chief

DATE: November 17, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 On-Line Certification Examination Schedule

To assist those individuals planning to take coal mine certification examinations administered by the Virginia Energy during 2026, a schedule of examination locations and dates is provided below. The schedule may also be viewed on our website at www.energy.virginia.gov.

All *applications and payments* must be submitted on-line *FIVE* working days in advance of the examination date. Examination slots are limited and tend to fill up quickly. The five-day advanced registration will *NOT* guarantee that an opening is available. Failure to notify our office at least *THREE* working days prior to the scheduled examination that you are unable to attend will result in the forfeiture of the examination fee.

Prior to taking an examination, a Driver's License or Employee I.D. Card must be presented**.**

To register for an exam, go to our website at www.energy.virginia.gov to schedule your exam date. If you need additional information, please contact Virginia Energy's Big Stone Gap at (276) 523-8100.

<p style="text-align:center">CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION LOCATION AND DATES</p>

Virginia Energy's Big Stone Gap Office	**Buchanan #1 Mine Training Center (Central Shop)**
3405 Mountain Empire Road	**1029 Central Shop Road**
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	**Oakwood, VA 24631**
PHONE: (276) 523-8100	**PHONE: (276) 523-8100**
8:00 A.M.	8:00A.M
January 21, 2026	February 11, 2026
March 11, 2026	April 15, 2026
May 13, 2026	June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026	August 12, 2026
September 16, 2026	October 14, 2026
November 18, 2026	December 16, 2026

***PLEASE NOTE - LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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