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## **COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM - NO. 05 -2020**

**TO:** All Licensed Operators

**FROM:** James P. Skorupa, Director

**DATE:** November 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Online Certification Renewal Classes

Due to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic, the Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) suspended teaching “live” classes, which affected DMM’s ability to provide required classes necessary to renew certifications. During this time, DMM extended the expiration date of Mineral Mining certifications that were set to expire for the period beginning with April 2020 through December 2020, for those who submitted a completed application and paid the application fees

As of Monday, November 9, 2020, DMM added the capability to our Certification Application system to take an online course to renew the following certifications: Surface Foreman, Surface Foreman Open Pit, Blaster, and Electrician. The courses are now available and completing the course will satisfy renewal requirements. Underground Foreman and Underground Blaster online renewal courses will be available soon.

For those individuals who have already submitted a complete and approved application to renew a certification that would have expired during the April through December 2020 timeframe, DMM will contact them and provide instructions on how to complete the renewal process using the online renewal course. Once the online course is completed and the individual verifies that they completed the course, DMM will renew their certification.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Stewart at [jeff.stewart@dmme.virginia.gov](mailto:jeff.stewart@dmme.virginia.gov) or 434-951-6315. You may also contact your local Area Mine Inspector. Additional contact information may be found at <https://dmme.virginia.gov/DMM/pdf/permitting/inspectorareamap.pdf>.