

**The Virginia Department of Energy's Division of Mineral Mining presents its mine safety and health law seminar focusing on federal (MSHA) and Virginia state laws governing the mineral mining (metal/nonmetal) industry.**

***The intent of the seminar:***

In order to achieve safe and compliant mine operations, it is necessary for mine operators and contractors to have a basic understanding of the laws that apply to their activities. This seminar will provide the resource materials, and a review of those materials, to aid the industry in achieving its goals in safety and compliance.

***The Specifics:***

There will be an introduction to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (The Act) and the MINER Act of 2006, 30 CFR, the MSHA Program Policy Manual (PPM), and Virginia law. Class review and group exercises will provide a working knowledge of, and the ability to use, these publications.

Other resources and materials will be provided and reviewed to promote a wider understanding of the subject matter including a stroll through the MSHA web site. Guest speakers will present a unique knowledge and view of the subject matter.

***The Results:***

Participants will come away with a working knowledge of federal and Virginia state law,

as well as an understanding of how to achieve compliance. They will know how to access the information needed to make decisions that will result in a safe and compliant work place.

***Seminar Tentative Agenda:  
(Subject to Change)***

**Day One:**

Sign in, Introductions

Introduction to seminar materials: The Act, 30 CFR, PPM, Program Bulletins, Letters, etc.

Act Sections 2, 3, 4, 101, 102

Act Section 103, Individual 103 Quiz

Act Section 104

*Lunch*

Act Section 104 (continued); Citations, Gravity, Negligence, etc.

Act Sections 107, 108, 109

Program Policy Manual Review and Group Exercise

30 CFR Part 56 Review and Standard Look-up Group Exercise

**Day Two:**

Act Sections 105, 110; Personal Liability

30 CFR, Part 100; Determining Penalties, Part 100 exercise

Act Section 115, 30 CFR Part 46/48, Miner's Rights

*Lunch*

30 CFR, Part 45 – Contractors

30 CFR, Part 50; Reporting and Recordkeeping

**Day Three:**

Special Investigations, Pattern of Violations (POV), Rules To Live By, Approach to Inspections

Guest Speaker Adele Abrams

Virginia Law Highlights and Differences with Federal Law

Wrap Up

***Notes on Sessions:***

Days one and two will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with a one hour lunch break. The session on day three will run from 8:00 AM until approximately lunchtime. The federal law portion will end at approximately 10:00 AM on day three. Those with no interest in Virginia law will be free to leave at this point. The later session on day three will cover Virginia law only.

**This Seminar Is Free of Charge  
To All Interested Persons!!!**

**Registration Form  
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Mine Safety and Health Law  
Seminar  
September 23, 24, 25, 2025  
Division of Mineral Mining  
Charlottesville Training  
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