**Section 300.215 General Requirements**

a) Each person who conducts blasting operations shall comply with all applicable State and federal laws governing the use of explosives.

b) All blasting operations shall be conducted under the direct supervision of a licensed blaster (persons licensed by the Department, as provided in Section 300.237 of this Part). The licensed blaster shall be present at the detonation of the blast.

c) All blasting shall be conducted between sunrise and sunset except in emergency situations where unscheduled blasting is required to ensure operator or public safety. In such cases, the operator shall notify the Department in writing within 72 hours after the unscheduled blast, stating the reason(s) for the unscheduled blast. After review of the notification, the Department shall determine whether the unscheduled blast was an emergency and take enforcement action if necessary.

d) Explosives may be used to clear blockage in crushing operations at any time provided the explosive charge does not exceed one pound, and the the operator complies with all other requirements of this Part, except those found in subsection (c) above.

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