Memorandum of Understanding

between

The State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Mineral Resources Management

and

The State of West Virginia,
Office of Miners’ Health, Safety & Training

RECIPROCITY OF MINE FOREMAN AND MINE ELECTRICIANS

I. Purpose

This memorandum of understanding establishes an agreement between the State of Ohio and the State of West Virginia concerning the reciprocity of coal mine foreman certifications and mine electricians.

II. Term, revision and termination

This MOU shall be effective when signed by both parties and may be modified in writing by mutual consent of both parties. This MOU may be terminated at any time by either party giving written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination.

III. Responsibilities - Underground Mine Foreman

The State of West Virginia shall issue a corresponding foreman, shotfirer certification, and a West Virginia Miners Card to any individual who possesses a valid mine foreman certification from the State of Ohio and who has completed the following:

1) Complete the mine foreman application including photograph.
2) Submit a copy of his/her Ohio mine foreman certification.
3) Provide a non-refundable fee of $35.00.
4) Provide a letter of good standing.
5) Pass the mine laws component of the West Virginia mine foreman certification examination with a score of at least eighty (80) percent.
The State of Ohio shall issue a corresponding certification to any individual who possesses a valid mine foreman certification from the State of West Virginia and who has completed the following:

1) Submit a completed mine foreman application.
2) Submit a copy of his/her West Virginia Mine Foreman Certification.
3) Submit a non-refundable fee of $25.00.
4) Provide a letter of good standing.
5) Pass the mine laws component of the Ohio mine foreman certification examination with a score of at least eighty (80) percent.
6) Pass the test for Shot firer unless applicant is a certified Shotfirer in West Virginia.

IV. Responsibilities - Electrician

The State of West Virginia will issue a corresponding mine electrician certificate to any individual who possesses a valid underground and surface electrical certification from the State of Ohio and who has completed the following:

1) Submit proof of current State and Federal Electrical certification and retraining by a certified instructor.
2) Submit a fee of $10.00.
3) Provide a letter of good standing.
4) West Virginia does not issue underground or surface only electrical certifications. Therefore, applicants possessing only an Ohio underground or surface certification must upgrade to the West Virginia low/medium/high (LMH) electrical certification. This requires applicants to pass additional parts of the West Virginia electrical certification examination. All underground applicants must pass any hands-on and legal requirements portions of the West Virginia electrical certification examination which is uniquely different from the Ohio examination. All surface applicants must also pass the hands-on, legal requirements, and permissibility portions of the West Virginia written electrical certification examination. Applicants should be advised that they must possess a West Virginia coal miner’s certificate in the type of mining in which they expect to be employed to be eligible to work as an electrician without being under the direct supervision of another West Virginia certified electrician who is also a certified coal miner.

NOTE: Any certification can only be obtained one time via reciprocity and a letter of good standing from the other state must be provide at the time of application. Any letter of good standing older than 30 days at the time of certification must be resubmitted.
The State of Ohio will issue a corresponding mine electrician certificate to any individual who possesses a valid electrical certification from the State of West Virginia and who has completed the following:

1) Submit proof of current State and Federal Electrical certification and retraining by a certified instructor.
2) Submit a fee of $10.00
3) Provide a letter of good standing.

The State of Ohio and the State of West Virginia will verify Electrical Certification with the Federal Qualifications and Certifications Branch in Denver, Colorado.

V. Responsibilities - Surface Mine Foreman - Coal

The State of West Virginia shall issue a corresponding foreman and miners certification to any individual who possesses a valid strip mine foreman certification from the State of Ohio and who has completed the following:

1) Complete the mine foreman application including photograph.
2) Submit a copy of his/her Ohio mine foreman certification.
3) Provide a non-refundable fee of $35.00.
4) Provide a letter of good standing.
5) Pass the mine laws component of the West Virginia mine foreman certification examination with a score of at least eighty (80) percent.

The State of Ohio shall issue a corresponding certification to any individual who possesses a valid mine foreman certification from the State of West Virginia and who has completed the following:

1) Submit a completed mine foreman application.
2) Submit a copy of his/her West Virginia Mine Foreman Certification.
3) Submit a non-refundable fee of $25.00.
4) Provide a letter of good standing.
5) Pass the mine laws component of the Ohio mine foreman certification examination with a score of at least eighty (80) percent.

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