

I am proposing to hold exams for Surface Coal Mine Foreman, Underground Coal Mine Foreman, and Underground Coal Mine Examiner on Thursday, July 16, 2020 starting at 8:00 a.m. at a location yet to be determined in the Farmington area. Applications must be received in this office for evaluation 30-days in advance of the test date, for consideration--in this case by June 15, 2020.

Applications and instructions for these exams are available for downloading from the BMS website:

<http://bmi.state.nm.us/navCert.htm>

A new certification category has been approved by the Mining Safety Board - *General Underground Coal Mine Foreman*. This applies only to those individuals who currently hold a valid Underground Coal Mine Foreman certification, have sufficient surface coal experience to qualify and pass an additional exam. An individual holding General Underground Coal Mine Foreman certification is eligible to function as a foreman both underground and on surface areas of underground coal mines. The amended rule is not yet in effect, but may be effective by the test date. Please contact me directly by phone or email if you are interested in this new certification.

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