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New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety Training

The New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS) trains miners in New Mexico to meet the requirements of the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) requirements. These requirements are found in 30 C.F.R. Part 46 or Part 48. **All miners** must have 24 hours of new miner (NM) training before working on a surface mine site or 40 hours for an underground mine site.

Part 48 Training – Coal, Metal/Non Metal, Industrial minerals

Miners working in mines which produce **coal, metals or industrial minerals** must be trained under an approved Part 48 training plan by MSHA certified instructors. New miner training must be at least 24 hrs for surface mines and 40 hours for underground mines.

Part 46 Training – Sand/gravel, Limestone, Clay

Miners working in mines which produce sand/gravel, limestone, dredge shells and other materials not covered by Part 48 (basically materials used in construction) must be trained under a Part46 training plan. Training can be done by a competent person.

A few types of contractors are allowed to train under Part 48 and have it qualify for Part 46. An example is a company performing equipment maintenance on different types of properties.