

FREE MSHA TRAINING AVAILABLE TO FLORIDA MINERS!!!!

Gulf-Atlantic recently received notification of the following offer from the Florida Mine Safety Training Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining and Minerals Regulation.

The Florida Mine Safety Training Program (FMSTP) is the recipient of annual grants from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) allowing them to continue to provide an extensive series of federally mandated services to the mining industry, helping to ensure the safety of all Florida miners and contractors.

This Florida Mine Safety Training Program serves as a primary and reliable source of mine safety and health training for Florida's miners and contractors who work on mine property. According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, there are approximately **250 mining operations** that mine sand and gravel, phosphate, heavy mineral sands (titanium), shell, crushed limestone, and clay in Florida.

The state instructors travel to nearly every county in Florida to deliver high-quality instruction **FREE OF CHARGE!!!** The FMSTP offers the following training options to the mining community:

- Annual Refresher Training for surface miners that complies with 30 CFR Parts 46 & 48;
- New Miner training for surface miners for 30 CFR Parts 46 & 48;
- Train-The-Trainer Workshop for those seeking approval as an MSHA Part 48 Surface Instructor;
- First Aid & CPR Training
- Workshops, seminars, and events (on and off site) to enhance the skill, safety, and competency-level of Florida's mining workforce.

Training is delivered by MSHA-approved Instructors with extensive professional backgrounds in mine safety and health. Each has earned the Certified Mine Safety Professional (CMSP) designation from the International Society of Mine Safety Professionals. Instruction adheres strictly to the requirements set forth by

the federal standards as set forth in Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations. Training is accomplished through classroom instruction at the FMSTP Office, as well as on mine or contractor sites, conference rooms, hotels, church facilities, and training centers located throughout Florida.

If you are interested in this **Free Training** and wish to schedule classes or discuss how this agency can better serve your organization or assist with your training needs, please contact Nori Ortiz, CMSP at 863-697-0082 or E-Mail Nori.Ortiz@dep.state.fl.us and Cc to Karen.M.Miller@dep.state.fl.us and Ben.Hart@dep.state.fl.us.

The agency recommends that you follow the below-referenced guidelines when requesting training:

- Please request training 6-8 weeks prior to expiration of certificates of training or upon notification from MSHA of immediate training requirements
- Minimum of 10 Class Participants***
- Location of Training***
- Complete On-Line Training Request

*** When class sizes are under 10 participants, the FMSTP will make every effort to accommodate your needs by placing participants in other open classes and therefore some location sites will change.

Please select the following link to view FMSTP'S training schedule and other information: <http://www.floridadep.org/water/mines/minesafe.htm>.