



Reporting Misfired Charges

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***** Please communicate the following information to your field personnel *****

The CAGC is still receiving reports of Misfired Charges and would like to remind members that:

In Alberta these forms are to be kept on the premises of the employer and should NOT be faxed, mailed or emailed into the CAGC. According to the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code – Part 33:

512 (2)(d) If a blaster cannot safely detonate a misfire or an unfired charge in a drill hole, the employer and the blaster may abandon it if **a permanent record of the misfire and its location is kept by the employer.**

When working in BC and the conditions for verifying the abandonment cannot be met, and the explosive experts have determined it is unsafe to attempt removal or destruction; companies must then apply to obtain a variance through Worksafe BC and fax a Report of Misfired Charges to the WCB at 1-250-785-8976.

For Worksafe BC included with this report must be a copy of an “Explosive Dangerous Incident Report”

Additionally the Oil and Gas Commission requires that all misfired charges associated with a geophysical program be reported to the Commission via the Geophysical Portal.

For more information please refer to the Geophysical Portal User Manual found at: <http://www.bcogc.ca/document.aspx?documentID=913&type=.pdf>

Please **DO NOT** fax the Report of Misfired Charges into the CAGC office.