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**To: CAGC Members**

**FROM: Mike Doyle**

**RE: Drill Pushes / Magazine Keepers / Blaster's Tickets**

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Al Stanley and I met with Lau Yan of Alberta OHS to work towards determining when a Blaster's Ticket is required and when it is not.

The confusion lies with the wording in the OHS Regs called "handling".

It was agreed that the term "handling" is not meant to capture transportation. Often explosive drivers will distribute and then later collect (return) unused explosive products. We would view this as a similar function of a magazine keeper.

In our view therefore a Drill Push does not need a Blaster's ticket when he is only acting as a Magazine Keeper. This means the following:

- Must be a competent worker – any supervisory role in seismic requires the completion of SFOS (as well as standard required safety training – TDG, WHMIS, etc.)
- Must have safe work procedures – i.e. Distribution / Collection of explosives and detonators are always done separately and kept separate from each other.
- CANNOT instruct or direct a Blaster's technical work requirements as it relates to the use of explosives. (as this requires a Blaster's ticket)
- CANNOT burn or destroy explosives. (as this requires a Blaster's ticket)

Lau Yan will take forward our request to exempt distribution and collection from the concept of handling within the Regs.

If your drill push directs the blasters in their technical work requirements and/or he handles, prepares, loads, fires, burns or destroys explosives then by definition he is required to have a valid Blaster's ticket.

thx Mike / CAGC