Training

Environmental effects of blasting workshop

Reference: B-004

Project Details:

Location: Northumberland, United Kingdom

Client: Northumberland County Council

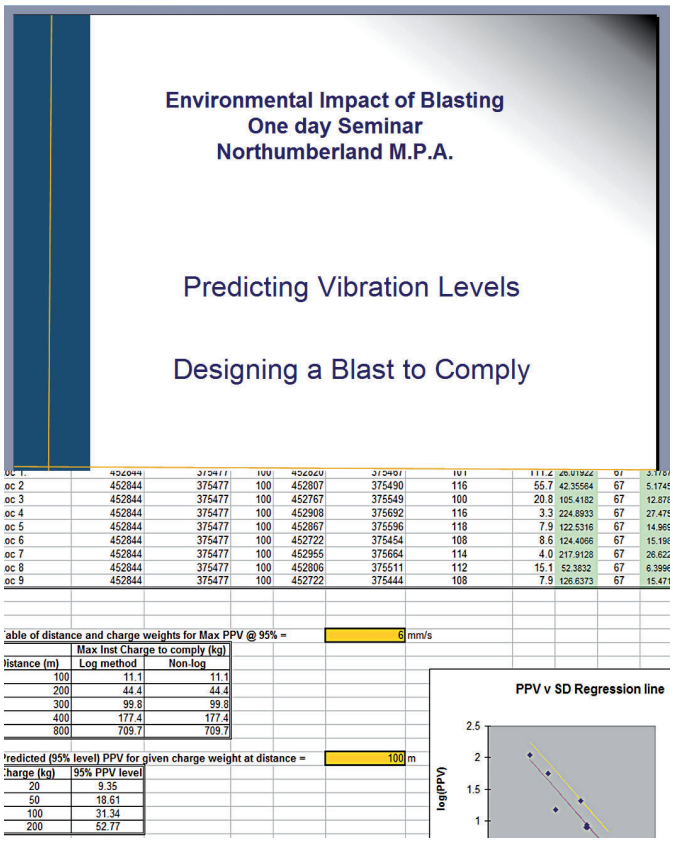
Dates: 2011

Project Value: N/A

Sector: Training

Brief Description:

A one day workshop for mineral planners on the environmental effects of blasting - vibration and air-overpressure.



Detailed Project Description:

As a part of Northumberland County Council's on going commitment to CPD, Blast Log was engaged to provide a short course on the environmental impacts of blasting (primarily vibration and air-overpressure). The course was a one day workshop where attendees carried out exercises on their own laptops as well as traditional lecturing.

The vibration section included a thorough understanding of vibration limits, test blasts vs. production blasts, understanding the benefit of a comprehensive monitoring scheme, employing different site factors to design blasts, location response effects, the use of databases to store and analyse results, predicting vibration levels and how to design a blast to to comply with its statutory vibration limit. In addition, there was a blast vibration workshop on using MS Excel spreadsheet.

Air-overpressure was also discussed, this included non-controllable factors such as topography and meterological effects, in addition to new developments in controlling air-overpressure levels from quarry blast. These included the effectiveness of increasing burden, the effects of stemming, statisical analysis of air-overpressure, the effects of orientation from the blast, detonator delay time optimisation and effects of flyrock.

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