



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF MINING PROGRAMS

Version: 2026.2.1

Inspection Report

Inspection Type	EXPLO - Explosives Inspection	Permit Number	21264110
DEP Office	EP DMO Cambria Dstr Mng Off	NPDES Number	
Permittee Name	MAINE DRILLING & BLASTING INC	Site Name	BOLT SITE
Address 1	PO BOX 1140	Permit Type	-
Address 2		Permit Kind	-
City	GARDINER	License Number	
State/ZIP Code	ME 04345-1140	Permit Status	-
Arrival Date / Time	06/24/2026 13:43	Municipality	Middlesex Township
Depart Date / Time	06/24/2026 14:58	County	Cumberland
Inspection ID	4226882	GP12 Permit Number	
Contract Operator Name		Contract Operator License Number	
		Complaint Number	

Inspector Details

Inspector Name:	MICHAEL J DUKE	Inspector Telephone Number:	(814) 242-5170	Inspector Email:	miduke@pa.gov
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Person Notified

Name	Jon Neithercoat	Title	Permittee
Method	Verbal	Date	06/15/2026

Inspection Result

VIOLS - Violation(s) Noted

Blaster Information

Blaster Name	BL-10340	Blaster License Number:	Michael Behrens
Blasting Company Name:	Maine Drilling & Blasting, Inc.	Blasting Company Address:	Bethel, Pa

Blasting Activity Permit

General Operations

Inspected



Remark This inspection report is a revised version of inspection ID#4226838 because of an error in the DMO inspection app that failed to carry the violation thru in the final report.

Seismograph Report

Inspected



– Violation -----			
Code and Description 211.151(D) - Failure to control airblast			
Type	SUMM - Summary Citation	Date	06/15/2026
Date Scheduled Response	07/10/2026		
Violation Details & Corrective Actions	A blast was fired on PAX-1/Bolt Site on June 15, 2026 @ 5:02 pm under blasting activity permit #21264110 that failed to control air blast by registering a 140.5 dbL at the compliance location 70 Sassafras Lane with a scale distance of 78.24. This is in violation of PA Code Title 25 Chapter 211.151(d); blasts shall be designed and conducted to control air blast so that it does not exceed 133dbL at any building or other structure designated by the Department unless the building is owned or leased by the permittee or its customer. Corrective action was submitted and approved on June 16, 2026.		
Blast Report Review		Inspected	Compliance with Permit
			Inspected

This Report is official notification that a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection has conducted an investigation of your operation. Violations observed by the Department have been noted on this report form.

If the Department uncovers any violations based on laboratory reports or further consideration of the conditions described in this report, the District Office will notify you of such violations in writing.

If an order was issued by the Department, you will be provided with a written confirmation of that order. You should not wait until you receive this confirmation Order before taking appropriate action.

This report does not constitute an order or other appealable action of the Department. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to grant or imply immunity from legal actions for any violation noted herein.

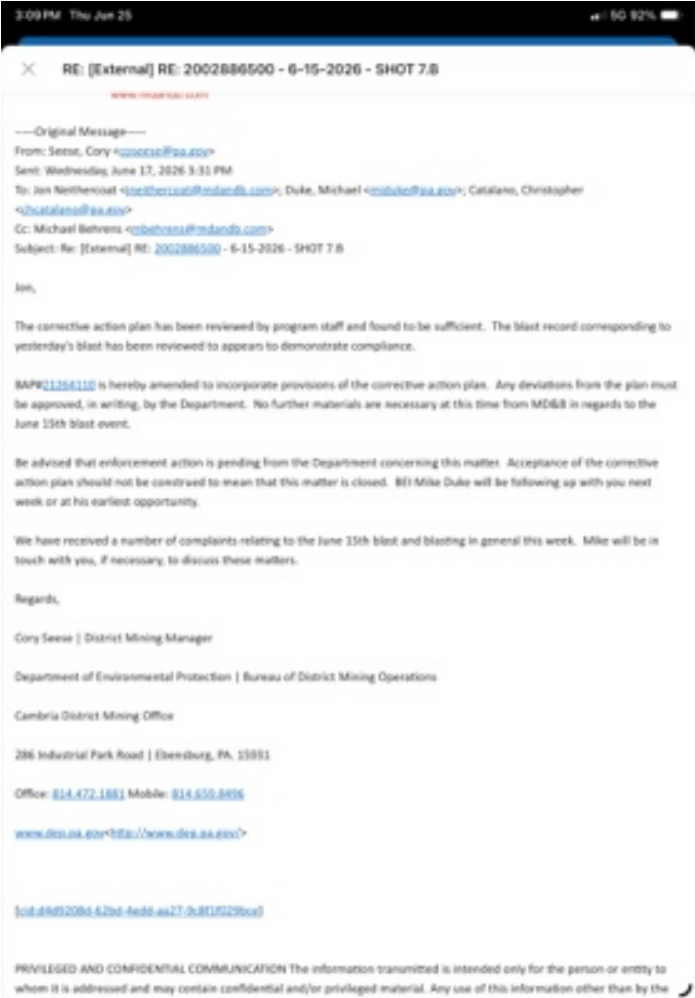
The Department became aware of a noncompliant blast at the PAX-1/Bolt Site which occurred at 5:02PM on June 15, 2026. Company representative of Maine Drilling and Blasting (MD and B), Jon Neithercoat, self reported to BEI Duke on June 16, 2026 about the blast which exceeded air blast limits. According to the seismograph placed at the regulatory compliance location(70 Sassafras Lane) with a scale distance of 78.24, the blast event produced an air blast of 140.5dBL. Regulation dictates that blasts are to be designed and conducted to control air blast so that it does not exceed 133dBL.

On June 16th, the Department dispatched BEI Michael Donahue and Chief of Explosives, Chris Catalano, to investigate and review the circumstances of the blast event and resulting noncompliance. It appeared that a single hole vented at the beginning of the shot from lack of confinement of the explosives charge in that hole. MD and B was told that a corrective action plan needed to be provided to the Department to describe the efforts MD and B would undertake to ensure compliance moving forward.

A plan was provided and ultimately approved by the Department on June 16, 2026. In an email from DMM Cory Seese, MD and B was advised that the corrective action was accepted and incorporated into the existing Blasting Activity Permit(see picture 1 and 2).They were also advised at that time that enforcement action would be forthcoming.

MD and B conducted a smaller scale blast on June 16, 2026 which demonstrated compliance with the approved permit and regulatory limits.

As a result of the air blast exceedance on June 15, 2026, a summary citation is being issued to MD and B under PA Code Title 25 Chapter 211.151(d). Summary citation R2428145-6 was filed in District Court #09-2-01 on June 24, 2026.



1 - Corrective action plan approval from the Department.



2 - Final corrective action plan.

3 - Non traffic SC filed in DC#09-2-01