

# **"A COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO CUTTING DRILL AND BLASTING COSTS"**

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## ABSTRACT

During a routine belt tightening of all cost centers, the management at the Martin County Coal Surface Mines, located in Martin County Kentucky felt that a thorough investigation of the drilling and blasting program could possibly pinpoint areas where the cost could be cut without sacrificing production.

Upon close inspection of the drill benches it was noted that the actual layout of burden, spacing and stemming varied a bit from the actual blast design that the management had outlined for the blasters.

This paper will outline the method of reducing the drilling and blasting cost at the Martin County Coal Operation.