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.01 Purpose. This manual section provides for the certification of mineral examiners (see Glossary of Manual Section 3060). Certification is required of all mineral examiners who prepare mineral reports concerning the validity of mining claims (BLM Manual Section 3891), common variety determinations (BLM Manual Section 3891), mineral-in-character determinations (BLM Manual Section 3891), and surface use determinations (BLM Manual Section 3715).

.02 Objectives. The objective is to ensure that mineral examiners are qualified to independently perform the necessary field work, write the required mineral report, and apply the Department's legal and technical criteria to the subject mineral examination. The mineral examination can be for validity (including mineral patent applications and valid existing rights), or for a determination of common variety, mineral in character, or surface use. This objective is met by a review of the mineral examiner's qualifications and a favorable recommendation by a panel consisting of five Certified Review Mineral Examiners, appointed by the Assistant Director for Resource Use and Protection and one certified mineral examiner who is otherwise eligible for certification as a Review Examiner. There are two categories of certification:

A. Certified Mineral Examiner. This is the basic certification level. Certification as a Mineral Examiner (CME) signifies that the individual has met the basic training and skill levels to independently perform a mineral examination of a mining claim or site, to evaluate the mineral character of the land, to evaluate the nature of a deposit of a nonmetallic mineral material for its legal status as a common or uncommon variety, and to evaluate the surface use of a mining claim or site (to determine if the use is reasonably incident to exploration, mining, or processing) under the General Mining Law of 1872, *as amended*.

B. Review Mineral Examiner. This is the highest level of certification. A Certified Review Mineral Examiner (CRME) is charged with the technical review and approval of a mineral examination report under Manual Section 3060 Mineral Reports - Preparation and Review and Handbook H-3890-3 Validity Mineral Reports. In addition to assuring quality and consistency, a reviewer's signature upon the mineral report certifies that the report and its contents have met the Department's technical and legal standards for mineral examinations concerning validity, and a determination of common variety, mineral in character, or surface use. A review examiner is also expected to testify as an expert witness and be able to adequately perform this role on behalf of BLM.

.03 Authority. The Director has decided that certification of mineral examiners is required.

.04 Responsibility.

A. The Director, pursuant to 135 DM 1.B and 235 DM 1.A, is responsible for the administration of the Federal mineral estate, including the General Mining Law of 1872, *as amended*.

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B. The Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, exercises the Director's delegated authority for the administration of the Federal mineral estate, including the General Mining Law of 1872, *as amended*. The Assistant Director is also responsible for the overall certification program for mineral examiners which he administers through a panel of five BLM Certified Review Mineral Examiners and one NPS Certified Mineral Examiner. The panel members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Assistant Director. Their qualifications are reviewed by the Assistant Director on a three year basis. Any further reference to the "Assistant Director" in this manual means the Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection (WO-300).

C. State Directors are charged with ensuring that only Certified Mineral Examiners perform validity examinations, common variety determinations, mineral in character determinations, and surface use determinations. State Directors are also charged with ensuring that only Certified Review Mineral Examiners review and sign mineral examination reports for the technical and legal adequacy of the mineral examination report.

D. Deputy State Directors are charged with ensuring that mineral specialists requiring certification as Certified Mineral Examiners or Certified Review Mineral Examiners are scheduled to receive the required training, field experience, and continuing education so that the individual can be certified within a reasonable timeframe and maintain their certification afterwards.

E. Certified Mineral Examiners physically examine a mining claim and, by using commonly accepted geologic, engineering, and economic methodologies, and Departmental case law, arrive at a conclusion as to the presence or absence of a discovery of a valuable mineral deposit. As such, a mineral examiner's duties include mining claim patent and validity examinations, common variety determinations, mineral in character determinations and surface use determinations for residential occupancy cases under Manual Sections 3891 - Validity Examinations and 3715 - Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws. A certified mineral examiner is qualified to give expert testimony in an administrative hearing before an administrative law judge concerning the presence or absence of a discovery of a valuable mineral deposit under the General Mining Law of 1872, *as amended*; and as to proper occupation and use under the General Mining Law of 1872, *as amended*, Section 302 of FLPMA, and Sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Surface Resources Act of 1955.

1. Certified Mineral Examiners perform and/or direct the field examination of a mining claim/site and sign the mineral reports. In addition to performing and/or directing field examinations, Certified Review Mineral Examiners perform the final technical review of mineral reports generated within the BLM, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and National Park Service (NPS) that require further official BLM action. Certified Review Mineral Examiners are also responsible for providing technical guidance and on-the-job training to Certified Mineral Examiners and mineral specialists training to become certified mineral examiners.

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F. Certification Panel. The Mineral Examiners Certification Panel serves at the pleasure of the Assistant Director (300). The Panel reviews and makes recommendations to the Assistant Director on certification and provides recommendations on topics/issues related to mineral examinations or mineral reports upon request or upon its own initiative.

.05 References. See Bureau Manual Sections 3060 - Mineral Reports - Preparation and Review, 3891 - Validity Examinations, 3715 - Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws, and Handbooks H-3890-1 - Handbook for Mineral Examiners, and H-3890-3 - Validity Mineral Reports.

.06 Policy. All persons who perform mineral examinations or review functions as described in this manual, regardless of length of service or grade, are subject to the requirement for certification. Certification is not intended to become a requirement of qualification for employment, nor is it intended to establish a hierarchy of mineral examiners. Although certification is not a qualification requirement to apply for a position, a promotion panel or selecting official may give it significant weight in selecting the best applicant for a position, if the position requires work as a certified mineral examiner. The selecting official will have to consider the training costs of non-certified applicants.

.07 File and Records Maintenance.

A. Numerical registration systems for Certified Mineral Examiners and for Certified Review Mineral Examiners shall be established. Individuals may hold dual certifications. Once assigned, numbers may not be reassigned. The Assistant Director will issue a certificate for each level of certification.

B. Applications for certification will be received by the panel's executive secretary. Applications will be received on standard forms or their facsimiles (see Illustrations 1 through 4). A confidential file system containing the application, a copy of the letter of certification, correspondence with the panel, and other pertinent data will be maintained by the panel, through the executive secretary.

C. The official files for certification shall be kept with the executive secretary. The executive secretary shall maintain the serial registration system of certification numbers assigned. The BLM National Training Center (NTC) shall have the responsibility for printing and mailing certificates of certification and storage of the official files in the event the executive secretary does not have suitable storage facilities available. Certificates of certification shall be signed by the Assistant Director.

.1 Panel Organization.

.11 Executive Secretary. The panel has an executive secretary position for the centralized handling of applications, general correspondence, serial registration, and file maintenance. The executive secretary is a non-voting position assigned to the panel by the Assistant Director. Applicants for which the panel has recommended against certification will receive at the conclusion of each panel meeting, letters from the executive secretary explaining any deficiencies in the applicant's training or experience as identified by the panel and what further work or training is needed to meet current certification requirements.

.12 Chairperson. The Chairperson's duties are defined as follows:

A. Serves as the official liaison point between the panel, the Assistant Director, State Offices, and the public.

B. Votes as an equal member of the panel (no veto power).

C. Serves as the panel moderator at panel meetings.

D. Signs letters for the panel recommending certification to be sent to the successful applicant.

.13 Panel Members. The panel consists of six members, five are BLM CRME's, one of whom shall be the panel chairperson. Panel members are appointed by the Assistant Director. The NPS shall provide the sixth member who is qualified for certification as a CRME to serve on the Panel. There shall be no set term of panel membership. The panel members serve at the pleasure of the Assistant Director and their performance is reviewed every three years by the Assistant Director. Panel members appointed shall have their position descriptions and performance standards and reviews amended to reflect panel duties.

.2 Panel Procedures.

.21 Executive Secretary Review. Upon receipt of an application, the executive secretary shall review the application for completeness, prepare a file and assign the application to a panel member (selected by rotation) for review and preparation of a recommended decision.

.22 Panel Member Review. The assigned panel member shall assure that the application is complete and that it meets the requirements of the certification level requested. The reviewer shall prepare a summary listing the applicant's qualifications and a recommended decision. The summary shall be retained in the applicant's file. The recommended decision shall be presented at the next panel meeting and the application shall be voted on by the entire panel.

.23 Panel Decision Process.

A. The panel shall make its decisions in a fair and impartial manner based on an objective weighing of the evidence. Decisions shall be based on a majority vote. Decisions of the Panel are effective on the date the Panel meets and are not retroactive. It shall take at least four members of the panel to make a quorum and it shall take four "yes" votes to carry a decision. The panel shall evaluate each application against the qualification standards and the panel chairperson shall issue a letter of recommended certification. The Assistant Director shall sign a numbered certificate to successful applicants.

B. If an application is denied, the executive secretary shall explain to the applicant in writing for the panel the deficiencies that need to be corrected before he or she can be reconsidered for certification. The applicant may submit additional information at any time.

.24 Panel Meetings. The Panel shall meet at least semi-annually, depending on the number of applications received. Panel meetings shall serve to discuss the applications reviewed by individual panel members and to vote on recommendations for certification. Other topics may be discussed and recommendations may be made at the request of the Assistant Director. Also, the panel members may discuss topics/issues and make recommendations to the Assistant Director on their own initiative, as long as they are related to the technical aspects of mineral examinations, review of mineral reports, and mineral report writing.

.25 Notification to Applicants. Successful applicants shall be sent a letter of acceptance signed by the Chairperson and a 8 x 10 inch certificate signed by the Assistant Director. Applicants not recommended for certification shall be sent a letter from the executive secretary itemizing the deficiencies in the applicant's training or experience that require correction before certification can be reconsidered.

.26 Meeting Results. At the end of each meeting, the executive secretary shall transmit the panel's official minutes to the Chairperson. The chairperson shall prepare an Information Bulletin (IB) for the Assistant Director's signature. The IB shall summarize the panel's meeting and results.

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.3 Certification Standards. All CME's and CRME's must meet the OPM X-118 standards as a Mining Engineer (GS Series 880) or Geologist (GS Series 1350). In addition, the following requirements are established for each category of certification:

.31 Certified Mineral Examiners.

A. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities. In order to become certified as a Mineral Examiner, an individual must document demonstrable knowledge, skills and ability in the following subject areas:

1. Mining Law.
2. Mineral Property Economic Evaluation.
3. Ore Deposition/Mineral Deposits.
4. Mineral Reserve Calculations.
5. Industrial Minerals.
6. Mineral Exploration Methods.
7. Mining Methods.
8. Mineral Processing.
9. Structural Geology.
10. Sampling Theory and Practice.
11. Field Methods.
12. Surface and Underground Mapping.
13. Hand-Specimen Mineralogy/Petrology.

B. Training. To become certified, an individual must also have completed the following BLM training courses or their equivalent:

1. Mining Claim Validity Examination Procedures (3000-13).
2. Mine and Beneficiation Cost Estimating and Economic Evaluation (3000-11).

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3. Placer Examination Techniques (3000-09) or Validity Examinations for Industrial Minerals (3000-53). If 3000-9 is not offered, Advanced Placer Examinations (3000-72), may be substituted. NOTE: Mineral Examinations (3000-01) (prior to 1984) may only be substituted for 3000-13. Appropriate professional experience with a Federal agency performing validity examinations or with private industry performing analogous duties may be substituted, at the panel's discretion, for some, or all, of the above training courses.

C. Experience. Individuals seeking certification must have been a co-examiner who had a significant role in all aspects of a validity examination for a lode or placer claim(s), including preparation and signature of the mineral report. Only Certified Mineral Examiners and Certified Review Mineral Examiners shall be allowed to be the lead on a mineral examination. The mineral examination exercise conducted as part of the training in BLM Course 3000-13, Mining Claim Validity Examination Procedures, shall not be accepted as a substitute for a real mineral examination. Mineral reports with more than two co-authors who intend to apply for certification from the same report require the advance approval of the Chairman of the Panel, as normally only the lead examiner and the candidate for certification may submit a qualifying mineral report.

D. Maintenance of Certification. CME's shall maintain and improve their knowledge, skills and abilities through continuing education, experience, and professional affiliation. At least once every three years, a CME shall:

1. Participate in at least one validity examination, or provide training to upcoming mineral examiners in validity examination procedures, and
2. Take technical courses and training related to their line of work, or provide training or technical courses related to their line of work, or attend professional meetings and trade shows which are related to their line of work.
3. The continuing certification requirement for CME's is effective October 1, 1998.
4. A letter certifying the compliance of the CME with the continuing education and experience requirements is due to the Executive Secretary on October 1, 2001 and every three years thereafter.

.32 Certified Review Mineral Examiners:

A. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities.

1. A working knowledge of the current needs and practices of the mining industry.
2. Demonstrated ability in communication skills, especially in technical report writing.

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3. Ability to provide on-the-job training to mineral specialists and mineral examiners.

4. Ability to effectively testify as an expert witness on mineral examination matters for BLM at administrative hearings.

B. Training. In addition to the training requirements for certification as a Mineral Examiner, the Review Mineral Examiner must have completed the following BLM courses or their equivalents:

1. Placer Examination Techniques (3000-09) or Advanced Placer Examinations (3000-72).

2. Validity Examinations for Industrial Minerals (3000-53)

3. Technical Standards for Mineral Report Review (3000-77).

C. Experience.

1. In addition to the requirements for certification as a Mineral Examiner, the Review Mineral Examiner must have been a lead examiner on at least three or more validity examinations covering at least three different commodities with multiple mining and processing methods, diverse geologic situations, and diverse economic considerations, including:

a. A metallic placer deposit,

b. A metallic lode or disseminated metallic mineral deposit, and

c. An industrial mineral deposit or a deposit requiring a common variety determination.

2. Experience testifying as an expert witness on mineral examination matters at administrative or judicial hearings is required.

D. Maintenance of Certification. CRME's shall maintain and improve their knowledge, skills and abilities through continuing education, experience, and professional affiliation. At least once every three years, a CRME shall:

1. Participate in at least one validity examination, or provide training to upcoming mineral examiners in validity examination procedures, and

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2. Take technical courses and training related to their line of work, or provide training or technical courses related to their line of work, or attend professional meetings and trade shows which are related to their line of work.

3. The continuing certification requirement for CRME's was effective October 1, 1995.

4. A letter certifying the compliance of the CME with the continuing education and experience requirements is due to the Executive Secretary on October 15, 1998 and every three years thereafter.

.33 Affects on Other Agencies. Certification is available to all qualified federal employees of the BLM, USFS, and NPS. Certification will not change the BLM-NPS and BLM-USFS Interagency Agreements for the administration of the Mining Law of 1872, *as amended*. Patent and/or validity examination reports prepared by USFS or NPS mineral examiners, regardless of certification status, will continue to receive final technical review by the appropriate BLM State Office if further BLM action is required. Only BLM employees are eligible for certification as a Review Mineral Examiner

.4 Application Procedure. Upon application, certification may be granted to individuals by the Assistant Director based on a recommendation by the review panel. The applicant must fill out a cover sheet (Illustration 1) and may use a continuation sheet(s) (Illustration 2) for either type of certification. Also, depending on the type of certification being applied for, the applicant must fill out the Application for Mineral Examiner Certification (Illustration 3) or the Application for Review Mineral Examiner Certification (Illustration 4). The application shall be submitted with the appropriate supporting documentation to the executive secretary. Applications are due 30 days prior to the panel meeting to be guaranteed consideration at that meeting. The application must show that the applicant meets the standards for certification outlined in section .3 Certification Standards above.

.41 Recommendation by Peers. Letters of recommendation are required from at least one technical reviewer of the applicant's work, and when the submitted validity report is co-authored, a recommendation from the co-author(s) describing the person's specific contribution to the report. The letter(s) of recommendation shall be sent directly to the executive secretary.

.42 Mineral Reports.

A. For Certified Mineral Examiner, a copy of a validity mineral report for a lode or placer claim(s) where the applicant was the lead examiner (prior to April 1, 1991) or a co-examiner who performed a significant role in all aspects of a validity examination for the lode or placer claim(s). The mineral report must be signed by the applicant as either the lead author or as a co-author, as described above, and by a qualified technical reviewer. Mineral reports prepared as part of the mineral report writing exercise in BLM course 3000-13, Mining Claim Validity Examination Procedures, shall not be accepted as meeting this requirement.

B. For Certified Review Mineral Examiner, at least three mineral reports on the validity of a lode or placer claim(s), where the applicant was the lead examiner. The mineral reports must be signed by the applicant as the lead author and by a qualified technical reviewer. The reports must show the applicant's abilities as described above in section .32 Certified Review Mineral Examiners. Applicants for CRME may also submit a bibliography of any additional mineral reports they may have prepared.

.43 Other Agency Certification. Any U.S. Forest Service (USFS) personnel applying for certification as a BLM Mineral Examiner who have been certified as a USFS Mineral Examiner are not required to submit a BLM application for review. USFS personnel certified by the USFS may submit a letter of request for certification with a copy of the USFS letter of acceptance or certificate attached. The National Park Service (NPS) has adopted the BLM's certification program and shall use the BLM panel as its certification vehicle. All NPS personnel shall submit the same application forms and reports as BLM personnel.

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.5 Denial of Certification. All applicants not recommended for certification shall receive a letter from the executive secretary itemizing the matters needing correction before certification can be recommended. These shall be matters of training, field experience, validity report authorship, or the other items listed in this manual section. This letter, when presented to the applicant's supervisor, should form the basis for the applicant to obtain the necessary training, field experience, or report co-authorship necessary for eligibility for certification within a reasonable timeframe.

.51 Re-application. A recommendation of denial of certification by the panel does not prejudice the applicant before the panel. Applicants not recommended for certification by the panel may re-apply any time they feel they have met the minimum requirements in this manual section and have addressed the items specified in the letter of denial prepared by the executive secretary. The applicant's file shall remain with the executive secretary in the expectation that the applicant shall re-apply in the future.

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.6 Appeals. An appeal of the panel's recommendation for denial of certification is made directly to the Assistant Director. A statement of reasons, detailing the specific items of disagreement, either of facts or of procedures, with the panel's recommendation, is required and must be submitted within 60 days of the date of the panel's letter of deficiency.

.61 Review of Appeal. The Assistant Director shall appoint an independent certified reviewer, who is not a panel member, to review the case file and the panel's actions. The reviewer shall submit a written report to the Assistant Director with his/her findings and recommendations. The Assistant Director shall issue a written decision to the panel (with a copy to the applicant) which shall either affirm the panel's action, remand the case to the panel for further action (specified in the decision), or instruct the panel to grant certification.

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.7 Retirement and Separation. After separation by resignation or retirement, certification may be retained. When a BLM mineral examiner transfers to either the USFS or NPS, certification may be retained. Certification is not available to retired Federal employees. Certified Review Mineral Examiners may not perform final technical review after separation from the BLM, except as a rehired annuitant or equivalent contract position after separation.

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.8 Revocation or Suspension of Certification.

.81 Reasons for Revocation or Suspension. An individual's certification may be revoked or suspended for a fixed period for any of the following causes:

A. Failure to adhere to accepted professional and Departmental standards in the performance of their duties as mineral examiners.

B. Perjury in an administrative or court hearing.

C. Conflict of interest that interferes with the proper handling of a case.

D. Conduct involving a violation of the public trust, misappropriation of government property, conviction of a felony, or other conduct prohibited to Federal employees.

E. Certification may be suspended for failure to maintain skills and continuing education as described above in sections .31D and .32D.

.82 Procedures. The panel shall appoint a member to investigate allegations of acts that would require revocation or suspension. If probable cause is found, the panel shall hold a hearing at which the individual in question and other interested parties shall be allowed to appear and present evidence on their own behalf. For certification revocation or suspension, proof beyond a reasonable doubt must exist that a violation of section .81 above has taken place. A vote of at least five of the six panel members shall be required for suspension or revocation. An individual may appeal suspension or revocation according to the procedures described in section .6 Appeals above.

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Application for Mineral Examiner Certification

Name: _____ Job Series: _____

Agency: _____ District/Regional Office: _____

Resource Area/Forest/Park Office: _____

State: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Commercial: () _____

I am applying for:

Certified Mineral Examiner

Certified Review Mineral Examiner

Instructions

This cover sheet shall be submitted for either type of certification. Also, the continuation sheet may be used for either type of certification application, if necessary.

Before completing this application, read BLM Manual 3895. The manual lists the minimum standards for certification in each category. You may apply for certification as both a Mineral Examiner and a Review Mineral Examiner. Only applicants for certification as a Review Mineral Examiner need complete Part B of the application. Submit the application and accompanying mineral report(s) to the Certification Panel's Executive Secretary.

In the space provided, please list the information necessary, or reference the appropriate attachments, to show that you have the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed; have completed the required training; and have the necessary experience, or in some other manner meet the requirements for certification. Please be brief and specific. It is not necessary to type the application. Handwritten applications must be legible.

The application must be signed. There is a signature block on the last page of each application type (Parts A and B) for that purpose. You must only sign the application Part, corresponding to type of certification, for which you are applying (Part A and/or B). Unsigned applications shall be returned to the applicants without being evaluated. Do not submit the original of any sample mineral report(s) as it will not be returned to you.

This is not an official form. You may use this form or a reasonable facsimile for your application. The same headings and section numbers must be duplicated in any facsimile you submit.

If you have any questions regarding the previous page, please contact the Certification Panel's Executive Secretary.

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Name: _____

Part A.

Minimum Standards for Certification as a Mineral Examiner

Requirements		Do not use this block
A-1. I meet OPM X-118 standards for: (Check one)		
A. Mining Engineer, GS-880		
B. Geologist, GS-1350		
A-2. Subjects in which you should possess knowledge, skill and ability.	A-3. Explain your proficiency. Refer to attachments if appropriate.	
A. Mining Law		
B. Mineral Property Economic Evaluation		
C. Ore Deposition/Mineral Deposits		
D. Mineral Exploration and Mining Methods, Mineral Processing Methods		
E. Field Methods, Sampling Theory and Practice, Surface and Underground Mine Mapping		
A-4. Professional Affiliations, Certification, or Registration		
List any relevant professional societies of which you are a member.		
Society Name	Type of Membership	Date of Membership
Registration or certification as a professional geologist or mining engineer is not required. If you are registered or certified, you may list any registration or certification that you believe may support your application in the space below. Attach additional sheets if needed.		
Type of Certification or Registration	Certifying/Registering Authority	Certification/Registration Number

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Name: _____

A-8. Have you attached a copy of a mineral report with your signature as a coauthor and the space for technical review signed by a Certified Review Mineral Examiner, for a validity or patent examination on a lode or placer mining claim(s)? This report is required, must show a detailed economic analysis, must be one where you had a significant involvement in all aspects of the mineral examination. (If yes, give attachment number; if no, explain why not.)
A-9. Have you attached a letter of recommendation from an individual who has been your technical reviewer? (If yes, give attachment number; if no, explain.)
Technical Reviewer's Name:
Technical Reviewer's Telephone Number:
A-10. If you coauthored your report, have you attached a letter of recommendation from the other coauthor? (If yes, give attachment number; if no, explain.)
Coauthor's Name:
Coauthor's Telephone Number:
A-11. If there is additional information, such as case outcomes and IBLA Decisions, that you believe will support your application for certification as a Mineral Examiner, you may list it below, or attach additional sheets.

This application must be signed.

I certify that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Name: _____

Part B.

Additional Standards for Certified Review Mineral Examiners:

In addition to the basic requirements for certification as a Mineral Examiner, the Review Mineral Examiner must have experience and competency in additional subjects. Have you attached a copy of at least three mineral reports on the validity of a lode or placer claim(s) (a common variety determination report may be used in place of the validity report on an industrial mineral deposit), as described in B-3 below, where you were the lead examiner?

Yes: _____ No: _____

NOTE: These reports are required and are in addition to the report submitted for certification as a Mineral Examiner. Do not resubmit the report submitted for certification as a Mineral Examiner.

Date attended course 3000-53 _____ Date attended course 3000-77 _____			
B-1. Subjects in which you should possess experience and competency.	B-2. Explain your proficiency in these areas. Refer to attachments, if appropriate.	Do not write in this column.	
A. Current needs and practices of the mining industry.			
B. Communications skills, including technical writing.			
C. On-the-job training as mineral specialists.			
D. Courtroom experience			
B-3. Describe your direct experience as a lead examiner, on three or more validity or patent examinations, including a metallic placer deposit, a metallic lode or disseminated mineral deposit, and an industrial mineral deposit or a deposit requiring a common variety determination. Where your work has required innovation or new approaches, so state. <u>Attach supporting documents, i.e., a copy of at least three validity reports</u> for which you were the lead examiner, and that demonstrate your experience in working on each type of deposit listed above. Attach additional sheets, if you need more space.			
B-4. List three references that can verify the information in item B-3.			
Name	Title	Present Address	Telephone

