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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28th, 2025
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, **(2756)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and sixty-one, **(261)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and thirty-nine **(139)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and forty-four **(844)** individuals' certifications have been suspended due to failed pre-employment drug and alcohol screenings.

Marijuana is the number one item that people are failing for, followed by prescription drugs. Nine-hundred and ninety-seven **(997)** individuals have been reinstated. Fifty-seven **(57)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and five **(105)** people have been permanently revoked for failing a second substance abuse test.

Over one-thousand four hundred, **(1,400)** individuals are currently suspended or have not requested to be reinstated after serving their 3-year suspension from coal mining. There have been two-hundred and sixty **(260)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and forty-one **(341)** individuals have had their safety sensitive cards temporarily suspended due to failure of the substance abuse urine test given by the employer.

Historical Information (Suspensions by Year)

2013-2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	180	201	23

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Certifications Issued From 02/01/2025 Through 02/28/2025

		2025 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	32	57
Truck Driver:	18	24
Apprentice Surface Miner:	114	230
Apprentice Underground Miner:	108	219
Underground Miner:	82	159
Surface Miner:	36	90
Shot Firer:		
Underground Mine Foreman:	20	38
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	12	19
Outby Examiner::		
Surface Mine Foreman:	4	9
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		
Surface Construction Super:	2	2
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	21	42
Gas-Testing Instructor:	3	4
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		
Belt Examiner:	1	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1	2
40-Hour Instructor:	2	3
80-Hour Instructor:	5	6
Electrician:	23	50
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1	4
Qualified Clearing Crew:	17	24
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1	2
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	144	295
EMT-Mining:	8	41
EMT-Mining Instructor:	3	5
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	658	1,327
Tests Administered:	562	1,151
Duplicates Issued:	83	150
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	39	74
Certifications Revoked:	22	69

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 02/01/2025 Through 02/28/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	11
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	12
Apprentice Underground Miner:	65
Underground Miner:	38
Surface Miner:	
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	10
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	9
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	16
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	12
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	91
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	274
Tests Administered:	252
Duplicates Issued:	32
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	7
Certifications Revoked:	7

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 02/01/2025 Through 02/28/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	15
Apprentice Underground Miner:	11
Underground Miner:	9
Surface Miner:	7
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	6
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	8
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	8
EMT-Mining:	4
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	79
Tests Administered:	58
Duplicates Issued:	11
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	13
Certifications Revoked:	3

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 02/01/2025 Through 02/28/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	8
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	44
Apprentice Underground Miner:	13
Underground Miner:	28
Surface Miner:	16
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	5
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	4
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	7
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	23
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 164
Tests Administered:	133
Duplicates Issued:	18
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	18
Certifications Revoked:	7

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 02/01/2025 Through 02/28/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	9
Truck Driver:	8
Apprentice Surface Miner:	43
Apprentice Underground Miner:	19
Underground Miner:	6
Surface Miner:	12
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	12
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 127
Tests Administered:	111
Duplicates Issued:	16
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	1
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 02/01/2025 Through 02/28/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	1
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	10
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	14
Tests Administered:	8
Duplicates Issued:	6
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	