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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30th, 2023
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand four hundred and ten, (2410) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and twenty-seven, (227) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and fifteen (115) were acting as supervisors. Seven hundred and fifty-three (753) 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. Eight-hundred and thirty-nine (839) individuals have been reinstated. Eighty-seven (87) individuals are currently in a treatment plan. Eighty-two (82) persons 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 forty (240) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and four (304) 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
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	58

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Certifications Issued From 04/01/2023 Through 04/30/2023

		2023 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	44	177
Truck Driver:	27	138
Apprentice Surface Miner:	161	676
Apprentice Underground Miner:	117	632
Underground Miner:	120	507
Surface Miner:	85	351
Shot Firer:	1	11
Underground Mine Foreman:	38	120
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	19	52
Surface Mine Foreman:	2	25
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		13
Surface Construction Super:		22
Mine Rescue:	11	10
Gas Tester:	1	23
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		2
Belt Examiner:	5	9
Mine Rescue Instructor:		12
40-Hour Instructor:	1	90
80-Hour Instructor:	1	10
Electrician:	15	61
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:		13
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	8	173
Qualified Clearing Crew:	19	245
Qualified Person, Electrical:		12
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1	4
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	261	1
EMT-Mining:	35	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	4	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	976	4,390
Tests Administered:	827	3,721
Duplicates Issued:	129	651
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	49	146
Certifications Revoked:	25	175

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 04/01/2023 Through 04/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	9
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	5
Apprentice Underground Miner:	68
Underground Miner:	40
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	18
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	6
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	3
Gas Tester:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	5
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	7
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	128
EMT-Mining:	6
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	310
Tests Administered:	298
Duplicates Issued:	18
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	8
Certifications Revoked:	12

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 04/01/2023 Through 04/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	12
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	46
Apprentice Underground Miner:	11
Underground Miner:	20
Surface Miner:	17
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	3
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	29
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	153
Tests Administered:	121
Duplicates Issued:	26
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	9
Certifications Revoked:	6

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 04/01/2023 Through 04/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	16
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	53
Apprentice Underground Miner:	30
Underground Miner:	30
Surface Miner:	47
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	7
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	3
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	8
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	36
EMT-Mining:	4
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	252
Tests Administered:	200
Duplicates Issued:	33
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	30
Certifications Revoked:	

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 04/01/2023 Through 04/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	13
Apprentice Surface Miner:	57
Apprentice Underground Miner:	8
Underground Miner:	30
Surface Miner:	17
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	12
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	9
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	2
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	8
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	53
EMT-Mining:	23
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	242
Tests Administered:	195
Duplicates Issued:	46
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	2
Certifications Revoked:	6

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
 From 04/01/2023 Through 04/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	
Surface Miner:	3
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
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:	15
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	19
Tests Administered:	13
Duplicates Issued:	6
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	1