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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30th, 2026
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (**2931**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy-nine, (**279**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-six (**146**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and eighty-seven (**887**) 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. One thousand and ninety-five (**1095**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-two (**62**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and eighteen (**118**) people have been permanently revoked for failing a second substance abuse test.

Over one-thousand six hundred and fifty-six, (**1,656**) 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-five (**265**) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and fifty-three (**353**) 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	2026
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	180	201	165	36

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Certifications Issued From 04/01/2026 Through 04/30/2026

		2026 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	18	75
Truck Driver:	13	52
Apprentice Surface Miner:	52	289
Apprentice Underground Miner:	67	308
Underground Miner:	81	334
Surface Miner:	41	195
Shot Firer:	1	19
Underground Mine Foreman:	11	64
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4	20
Outby Examiner::		3
Surface Mine Foreman:	7	24
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		3
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		5
Surface Construction Super:	5	5
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	1	14
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1	20
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		1
Belt Examiner:	1	9
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1	4
40-Hour Instructor:	1	2
80-Hour Instructor:	2	9
Electrician:	12	47
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	5	14
Qualified Clearing Crew:	8	72
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	3	16
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	147	666
EMT-Mining:	46	90
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1	14
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Competent Fan Examiner:	12	12
Total Certifications Issued:	541	2,383
Tests Administered:	479	2,081
Duplicates Issued:	65	299
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	26	123
Certifications Revoked:	20	102

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 04/01/2026 Through 04/30/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	11
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	38
Underground Miner:	51
Surface Miner:	
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	3
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	9
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	3
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	105
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	
Total Certifications Issued:	238
Tests Administered:	238
Duplicates Issued:	19
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	1
Certifications Revoked:	13

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 04/01/2026 Through 04/30/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	19
Apprentice Underground Miner:	6
Underground Miner:	9
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	10
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	3
Total Certifications Issued:	74
Tests Administered:	55
Duplicates Issued:	11
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	10
Certifications Revoked:	1

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 04/01/2026 Through 04/30/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	10
Apprentice Underground Miner:	6
Underground Miner:	17
Surface Miner:	11
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	4
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:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	14
EMT-Mining:	5
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	2
Total Certifications Issued:	84
Tests Administered:	58
Duplicates Issued:	20
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	13
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 04/01/2026 Through 04/30/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	9
Apprentice Surface Miner:	23
Apprentice Underground Miner:	16
Underground Miner:	3
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	2
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
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:	13
EMT-Mining:	39
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	6
Total Certifications Issued:	134
Tests Administered:	122
Duplicates Issued:	10
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	2
Certifications Revoked:	

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 04/01/2026 Through 04/30/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	1
Underground Miner:	1
Surface Miner:	2
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:	
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/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	5
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	1
Total Certifications Issued:	11
Tests Administered:	6
Duplicates Issued:	5
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	1