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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31st, 2023
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand four hundred and sixty, **(2460)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and thirty, **(230)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and eighteen **(118)** were acting as supervisors. Seven hundred and seventy **(770)** 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 seventy-six **(876)** individuals have been reinstated. Eighty-two **(82)** individuals are currently in a treatment plan. Eighty-six **(86)** 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-four **(244)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and twelve **(312)** 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	108

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Certifications Issued From 08/01/2023 Through 08/31/2023

		2023 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	41	288
Truck Driver:	17	232
Apprentice Surface Miner:	126	1,355
Apprentice Underground Miner:	155	1,348
Underground Miner:	121	1,013
Surface Miner:	94	661
Shot Firer:		27
Underground Mine Foreman:	7	209
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2	71
Surface Mine Foreman:	8	71
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1	1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		2
Surface Construction Super:	2	24
Mine Rescue:	1	35
Gas Tester:	1	20
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1	6
Belt Examiner:	3	33
Mine Rescue Instructor:		2
40-Hour Instructor:	3	22
80-Hour Instructor:	1	29
Electrician:	26	173
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1	52
Qualified Clearing Crew:	7	102
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1	21
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	268	2,304
EMT-Mining:	26	424
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1	19
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		10
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		1
Total Certifications Issued:	914	8,556
Tests Administered:	747	7,235
Duplicates Issued:	139	1,255
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	65	330
Certifications Revoked:	34	289

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 08/01/2023 Through 08/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	20
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	82
Underground Miner:	51
Surface Miner:	6
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas Tester:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	10
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:	126
EMT-Mining:	17
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	319
Tests Administered:	282
Duplicates Issued:	38
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	10
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 08/01/2023 Through 08/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	5
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	31
Apprentice Underground Miner:	24
Underground Miner:	23
Surface Miner:	23
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	5
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:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	14
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	135
Tests Administered:	104
Duplicates Issued:	15
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	23
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 08/01/2023 Through 08/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	9
Apprentice Surface Miner:	52
Apprentice Underground Miner:	24
Underground Miner:	31
Surface Miner:	35
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	4
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	38
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	206
Tests Administered:	176
Duplicates Issued:	23
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	23
Certifications Revoked:	16

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 08/01/2023 Through 08/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	13
Truck Driver:	7
Apprentice Surface Miner:	41
Apprentice Underground Miner:	25
Underground Miner:	12
Surface Miner:	29
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	10
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	3
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	73
EMT-Mining:	9
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	228
Tests Administered:	175
Duplicates Issued:	47
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	8
Certifications Revoked:	8

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
 From 08/01/2023 Through 08/31/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	4
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
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:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	17
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	26
Tests Administered:	10
Duplicates Issued:	16
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	1
Certifications Revoked:	