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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31st, 2026
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand nine hundred and seventy-six (**2976**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and eighty-four, (**284**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-seven (**147**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and ninety-eight (**898**) 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, one hundred and thirty-three (**1133**) individuals have been reinstated. Fifty-nine (**59**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and twenty (**120**) people have been permanently revoked for failing a second substance abuse test.

Over one-thousand six hundred and sixty-four, (**1,664**) 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-seven (**267**) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications, etc.)

Three hundred and fifty-seven (**357**) 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	81

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Certifications Issued From 08/01/2026 Through 08/31/2026

		2026 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	14	130
Truck Driver:	11	99
Apprentice Surface Miner:	51	570
Apprentice Underground Miner:	109	692
Underground Miner:	70	622
Surface Miner:	45	351
Shot Firer:		19
Underground Mine Foreman:	8	107
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	11	60
Outby Examiner::		12
Surface Mine Foreman:	5	38
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		4
Surface Construction Super:	8	22
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	1	25
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1	25
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		2
Belt Examiner:	1	16
Mine Rescue Instructor:		4
40-Hour Instructor:	1	8
80-Hour Instructor:	1	14
Electrician:	6	83
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		14
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		119
Qualified Clearing Crew:	22	
Qualified Person, Electrical:		22
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	4	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	200	1,525
EMT-Mining:	6	140
EMT-Mining Instructor:	3	19
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Competent Fan Examiner:	13	113
Total Certifications Issued:	591	4,858
Tests Administered:	539	4,334
Duplicates Issued:	51	484
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	29	251
Certifications Revoked:	41	240

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 08/01/2026 Through 08/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	7
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	67
Underground Miner:	43
Surface Miner:	3
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	8
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	20
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	4
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	134
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 304
 Tests Administered:	 299
 Duplicates Issued:	 15
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 7
 Certifications Revoked:	 20

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 08/01/2026 Through 08/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	16
Apprentice Underground Miner:	16
Underground Miner:	12
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
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:	
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:	13
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	7
Total Certifications Issued:	86
Tests Administered:	64
Duplicates Issued:	10
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	13
Certifications Revoked:	

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 08/01/2026 Through 08/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	16
Apprentice Underground Miner:	11
Underground Miner:	5
Surface Miner:	13
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
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:	
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:	13
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 64
 Tests Administered:	 58
 Duplicates Issued:	 13
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 3
 Certifications Revoked:	 10

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 08/01/2026 Through 08/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	18
Apprentice Underground Miner:	15
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	6
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:	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/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	32
EMT-Mining:	6
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	6
Total Certifications Issued:	127
Tests Administered:	111
Duplicates Issued:	10
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	6
Certifications Revoked:	11

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 08/01/2026 Through 08/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	
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:	
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:	8
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 10
 Tests Administered:	 7
 Duplicates Issued:	 3
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
 Certifications Revoked:	