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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 31st, 2024
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, **(2733)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and fifty-six, **(256)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and thirty-four **(134)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and thirty-seven **(837)** 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 eighty-six **(986)** individuals have been reinstated. Sixty **(60)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and two **(102)** 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 fifty-nine **(259)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and thirty-nine **(339)** 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
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	180	201

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Certifications Issued From 12/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024

		2024 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	24	354
Truck Driver:	19	211
Apprentice Surface Miner:	69	1,318
Apprentice Underground Miner:	109	1,577
Underground Miner:	92	1,343
Surface Miner:	45	720
Shot Firer:	2	40
Underground Mine Foreman:	25	242
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3	77
Outby Examiner::	3	80
Surface Mine Foreman:	3	68
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		6
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		1
Surface Construction Super:		19
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	7	58
Gas-Testing Instructor:	4	21
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1	11
Belt Examiner:	3	18
Mine Rescue Instructor:		7
40-Hour Instructor:	3	23
80-Hour Instructor:	10	32
Electrician:	9	248
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	3	25
Qualified Clearing Crew:	9	114
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	2	13
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	122	2,554
EMT-Mining:	45	477
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2	27
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
 Total Certifications Issued:	 614	 9,686
Tests Administered:	532	8,543
Duplicates Issued:	62	1,044
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	42	472
Certifications Revoked:	20	538

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 12/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	17
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	48
Underground Miner:	39
Surface Miner:	
Shot Firer:	1
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:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	2
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	4
Electrician:	4
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	2
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	65
EMT-Mining:	22
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	215
Tests Administered:	191
Duplicates Issued:	25
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	6
Certifications Revoked:	10

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 12/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	24
Apprentice Underground Miner:	21
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
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:	4
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	2
80-Hour Instructor:	5
Electrician:	5
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:	7
EMT-Mining:	5
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	108
Tests Administered:	94
Duplicates Issued:	7
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	12
Certifications Revoked:	2

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 12/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	7
Apprentice Surface Miner:	18
Apprentice Underground Miner:	23
Underground Miner:	21
Surface Miner:	21
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	17
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Outby Examiner:	3
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:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	30
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	155
Tests Administered:	125
Duplicates Issued:	17
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	23
Certifications Revoked:	6

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 12/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	8
Apprentice Surface Miner:	26
Apprentice Underground Miner:	17
Underground Miner:	22
Surface Miner:	10
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	5
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	11
EMT-Mining:	17
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	127
Tests Administered:	113
Duplicates Issued:	13
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	1
Certifications Revoked:	2

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 12/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:
Truck Driver:
Apprentice Surface Miner:
Apprentice Underground Miner:
Underground Miner:
Surface Miner:
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/SI Super:
Qualified Diesel Instructor:
Qualified Clearing Crew:
Qualified Person, Electrical:
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:
Safety Sensitive Personnel: 9
EMT-Mining:
EMT-Mining Instructor:
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:

Total Certifications Issued: 9
Tests Administered: 9
Duplicates Issued:
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:
Certifications Revoked: /