



## *State of West Virginia*

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### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 31st, 2025

**TO:** Frank Foster

**SUBJECT:** Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (**2895**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy-six, (**276**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-five (**145**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and seventy-seven (**877**) 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 seventy (**1070**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-one (**61**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and fourteen (**114**) 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 sixty-three (**263**) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and fifty (**350**) 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 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 593       | 274  | 114  | 216  | 383  | 279  | 162  | 131  | 200  | 180  | 201  | 165  |

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Certifications Issued From 12/01/2025 Through 12/31/2025

|                                     |     | 2025  | YTD |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 8   | 242   |     |
| Truck Driver:                       | 15  | 176   |     |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 45  | 911   |     |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 95  | 1,253 |     |
| Underground Miner:                  | 59  | 958   |     |
| Surface Miner:                      | 20  | 489   |     |
| Shot Firer:                         | 1   | 57    |     |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 13  | 166   |     |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     | 5   | 78    |     |
| Outby Examiner::                    | 4   | 13    |     |
| Surface Mine Foreman:               | 7   | 59    |     |
| Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:         |     | 2     |     |
| Shaft/Slope Superintendent:         |     | 2     |     |
| Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:       | 2   | 4     |     |
| Surface Construction Super:         | 2   | 15    |     |
| Clay Mine Foreman:                  |     |       |     |
| Mine Rescue:                        | 1   | 200   |     |
| Gas-Testing Instructor:             | 1   | 19    |     |
| Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:             |     | 9     |     |
| Belt Examiner:                      | 1   | 17    |     |
| Mine Rescue Instructor:             |     | 7     |     |
| 40-Hour Instructor:                 |     | 16    |     |
| 80-Hour Instructor:                 | 1   | 28    |     |
| Electrician:                        | 5   | 188   |     |
| Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super: |     |       |     |
| Qualified Diesel Instructor:        |     | 11    |     |
| Qualified Clearing Crew:            | 10  | 139   |     |
| Qualified Person, Electrical:       |     |       |     |
| Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:        | 4   | 39    |     |
| Safety Sensitive Personnel:         | 122 | 1,976 |     |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 9   | 256   |     |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |     | 27    |     |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |     | 1     |     |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |     | 1     |     |
| Total Certifications Issued:        | 430 | 7,359 |     |
| Tests Administered:                 | 383 | 6,542 |     |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 46  | 783   |     |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          | 14  | 407   |     |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 27  | 469   |     |

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER  
From 12/01/2025 Through 12/31/2025

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 3   |
| Truck Driver:                       |     |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           |     |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 56  |
| Underground Miner:                  | 35  |
| Surface Miner:                      | 1   |
| Shot Firer:                         |     |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 7   |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     | 4   |
| Outby Examiner:                     | 4   |
| Surface Mine Foreman:               | 1   |
| Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:         |     |
| Shaft/Slope Superintendent:         |     |
| Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:       | 2   |
| 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:                 | 1   |
| Electrician:                        | 5   |
| Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super: |     |
| Qualified Diesel Instructor:        |     |
| Qualified Clearing Crew:            | 5   |
| Qualified Person, Electrical:       |     |
| Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:        |     |
| Safety Sensitive Personnel:         | 76  |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 1   |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |     |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |     |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |     |
| Total Certifications Issued:        | 202 |
| Tests Administered:                 | 194 |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 16  |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          | 3   |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 3   |

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH  
From 12/01/2025 Through 12/31/2025

|                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Apprentice Electrician:             |    |
| Truck Driver:                       | 2  |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 7  |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 8  |
| Underground Miner:                  | 8  |
| Surface Miner:                      | 7  |
| Shot Firer:                         |    |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 3  |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     |    |
| 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:             |    |
| 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:         | 5  |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 4  |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |    |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |    |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |    |
| Total Certifications Issued:        | 48 |
| Tests Administered:                 | 34 |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 8  |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          | 6  |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 8  |

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE  
From 12/01/2025 Through 12/31/2025

|                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 2  |
| Truck Driver:                       | 3  |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 19 |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 19 |
| Underground Miner:                  | 6  |
| Surface Miner:                      | 4  |
| Shot Firer:                         | 1  |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 1  |
| 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:                        | 1  |
| 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:            | 3  |
| 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:        | 77 |
| Tests Administered:                 | 71 |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 4  |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          | 4  |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 9  |

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL  
From 12/01/2025 Through 12/31/2025

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 3   |
| Truck Driver:                       | 9   |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 18  |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 12  |
| Underground Miner:                  | 10  |
| Surface Miner:                      | 8   |
| Shot Firer:                         |     |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 2   |
| 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:         | 2   |
| 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:            | 2   |
| Qualified Person, Electrical:       |     |
| Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:        | 4   |
| Safety Sensitive Personnel:         | 23  |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 4   |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |     |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |     |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |     |
| Total Certifications Issued:        | 100 |
| Tests Administered:                 | 83  |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 16  |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          | 1   |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 6   |

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON  
From 12/01/2025 Through 12/31/2025

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Apprentice Electrician:             |   |
| Truck Driver:                       | 1 |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 1 |
| 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/Sl Super: |   |
| Qualified Diesel Instructor:        |   |
| Qualified Clearing Crew:            |   |
| Qualified Person, Electrical:       |   |
| Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:        |   |
| Safety Sensitive Personnel:         | 1 |
| EMT-Mining:                         |   |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |   |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |   |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |   |
| Total Certifications Issued:        | 3 |
| Tests Administered:                 | 1 |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 2 |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          |   |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 1 |