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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:		11
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		139
Qualified Clearing Crew:	10	
Qualified Person, Electrical:		39
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	4	
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/Sl 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