



# State of West Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 28, 2023  
**TO:** Frank Foster  
**SUBJECT:** Suspended Certification Summary

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Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand three hundred and eighty, (2380) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and twenty-four, (224) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and thirteen (113) were acting as supervisors. Seven hundred and thirty-eight (738) 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 nineteen (819) individuals have been reinstated. Eighty-nine (89) individuals are currently in a treatment plan. Eighty-three (83) 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 thirty-seven (237) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Two-hundred and ninety-nine (299) 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	28

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Certifications Issued From 02/01/2023 Through 02/28/2023

		2023 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	36	69
Truck Driver:	30	72
Apprentice Surface Miner:	152	317
Apprentice Underground Miner:	136	302
Underground Miner:	113	246
Surface Miner:	82	170
Shot Firer:	1	4
Underground Mine Foreman:	27	55
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	8	21
Surface Mine Foreman:	9	16
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	1	9
Surface Construction Super:	2	6
Mine Rescue:	3	8
Gas Tester:	1	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		14
Belt Examiner:	11	
Mine Rescue Instructor:		7
40-Hour Instructor:	6	7
80-Hour Instructor:	5	50
Electrician:	31	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		2
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		32
Qualified Clearing Crew:	18	
Qualified Person, Electrical:		0
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:		549
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	308	45
EMT-Mining:	21	4
EMT-Mining Instructor:	3	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	1,004	2,007
Tests Administered:	874	1,696
Duplicates Issued:	138	319
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	22	56
Certifications Revoked:	49	83

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER  
From 02/01/2023 Through 02/28/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	18
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	8
Apprentice Underground Miner:	68
Underground Miner:	67
Surface Miner:	
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	11
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	1
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	3
Gas Tester:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	10
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	7
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	13
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	157
EMT-Mining:	8
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	380
Tests Administered:	357
Duplicates Issued:	37
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	3
Certifications Revoked:	25

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH  
From 02/01/2023 Through 02/28/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	37
Apprentice Underground Miner:	27
Underground Miner:	13
Surface Miner:	24
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	4
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:	2
Electrician:	7
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:	17
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	144
Tests Administered:	114
Duplicates Issued:	25
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	9
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE  
From 02/01/2023 Through 02/28/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	13
Truck Driver:	12
Apprentice Surface Miner:	53
Apprentice Underground Miner:	18
Underground Miner:	22
Surface Miner:	22
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Surface Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	2
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	1
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:	47
EMT-Mining:	10
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 218
 Tests Administered:	 194
 Duplicates Issued:	 25
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 6
 Certifications Revoked:	 8

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL  
From 02/01/2023 Through 02/28/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	9
Apprentice Surface Miner:	53
Apprentice Underground Miner:	23
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	34
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	8
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
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:	3
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	16
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	61
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	230
Tests Administered:	185
Duplicates Issued:	43
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	4
Certifications Revoked:	10

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON  
From 02/01/2023 Through 02/28/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	1
Surface Miner:	2
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
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:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
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:	26
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	32
Tests Administered:	24
Duplicates Issued:	8
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	1