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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28th, 2026
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand nine hundred and ten (**2910**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy-nine, (**279**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-six (**146**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and eighty-two (**882**) 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 eighty-three (**1083**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-two (**62**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and seventeen (**117**) 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-one (**351**) 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	15

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Certifications Issued From 02/01/2026 Through 02/28/2026

		2026 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	16	35
Truck Driver:	21	31
Apprentice Surface Miner:	87	166
Apprentice Underground Miner:	67	156
Underground Miner:	72	164
Surface Miner:	48	86
Shot Firer:	1	4
Underground Mine Foreman:	17	33
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3	5
Outby Examiner::	2	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	7	11
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		3
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		
Surface Construction Super:		
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:		6
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1	10
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1	1
Belt Examiner:	2	6
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1	2
40-Hour Instructor:		1
80-Hour Instructor:		6
Electrician:	19	31
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		7
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	4	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	21	49
Qualified Person, Electrical:		10
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	178	350
EMT-Mining:	8	25
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2	7
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	579	1,208
Tests Administered:	521	1,057
Duplicates Issued:	62	148
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	36	65
Certifications Revoked:	23	51

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 02/01/2026 Through 02/28/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	11
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	5
Apprentice Underground Miner:	40
Underground Miner:	39
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	9
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
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:	1
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	14
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	7
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	115
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	250
Tests Administered:	245
Duplicates Issued:	23
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	2
Certifications Revoked:	1

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 02/01/2026 Through 02/28/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	26
Apprentice Underground Miner:	6
Underground Miner:	8
Surface Miner:	22
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	6
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	1
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:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	4
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	14
EMT-Mining:	3
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	96
Tests Administered:	71
Duplicates Issued:	7
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	23
Certifications Revoked:	

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 02/01/2026 Through 02/28/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	7
Apprentice Surface Miner:	20
Apprentice Underground Miner:	12
Underground Miner:	17
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	1
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:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	4
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	26
EMT-Mining:	5
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	112
Tests Administered:	98
Duplicates Issued:	20
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	9
Certifications Revoked:	14

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 02/01/2026 Through 02/28/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	5
Truck Driver:	12
Apprentice Surface Miner:	36
Apprentice Underground Miner:	9
Underground Miner:	7
Surface Miner:	11
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
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:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	3
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	20
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 116
 Tests Administered:	 105
 Duplicates Issued:	 9
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 2
 Certifications Revoked:	 7

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 02/01/2026 Through 02/28/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	1
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:	1
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:	3
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	5
Tests Administered:	2
Duplicates Issued:	3
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	1