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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 31st, 2026  
**TO:** Frank Foster  
**SUBJECT:** Suspended Certification Summary

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Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand nine hundred and two (**2902**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy-seven, (**277**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-six (**146**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and eighty (**880**) 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-six (**1076**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-one (**61**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and sixteen (**116**) 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	2026
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	180	201	165	7

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Certifications Issued From 01/01/2026 Through 01/31/2026

		2026 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	19	19
Truck Driver:	10	10
Apprentice Surface Miner:	79	79
Apprentice Underground Miner:	89	89
Underground Miner:	92	92
Surface Miner:	38	38
Shot Firer:	3	3
Underground Mine Foreman:	16	16
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2	2
Outby Examiner::		
Surface Mine Foreman:	4	4
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	3	3
Surface Construction Super:		
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	6	6
Gas-Testing Instructor:	9	9
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		
Belt Examiner:	4	4
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1	1
40-Hour Instructor:	1	1
80-Hour Instructor:	6	6
Electrician:	12	12
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	3	3
Qualified Clearing Crew:	28	28
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	9	9
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	172	172
EMT-Mining:	17	17
EMT-Mining Instructor:	5	5
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	1	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	629	629
Tests Administered:	536	536
Duplicates Issued:	86	86
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	29	29
Certifications Revoked:	24	24

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER  
From 01/01/2026 Through 01/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	9
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	3
Apprentice Underground Miner:	47
Underground Miner:	51
Surface Miner:	2
Shot Firer:	2
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	3
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	2
Gas-Testing Instructor:	7
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	6
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	8
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	4
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	107
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	260
Tests Administered:	252
Duplicates Issued:	21
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	1
Certifications Revoked:	12

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH  
From 01/01/2026 Through 01/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	2
Apprentice Surface Miner:	12
Apprentice Underground Miner:	12
Underground Miner:	13
Surface Miner:	16
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	3
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	15
EMT-Mining:	7
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	98
Tests Administered:	61
Duplicates Issued:	25
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	16
Certifications Revoked:	1

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE  
From 01/01/2026 Through 01/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	5
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	28
Apprentice Underground Miner:	22
Underground Miner:	19
Surface Miner:	10
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	6
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:	1
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	3
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	18
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	10
EMT-Mining:	3
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 135
 Tests Administered:	 106
 Duplicates Issued:	 22
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 10
 Certifications Revoked:	

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL  
From 01/01/2026 Through 01/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	36
Apprentice Underground Miner:	8
Underground Miner:	8
Surface Miner:	10
Shot Firer:	
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:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	4
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	20
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	27
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	130
Tests Administered:	112
Duplicates Issued:	17
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	2
Certifications Revoked:	10

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON  
From 01/01/2026 Through 01/31/2026

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:	
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:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 6
Tests Administered:	5
Duplicates Issued:	1
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	1