



## State of West Virginia

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 31st, 2025  
**TO:** Frank Foster  
**SUBJECT:** Suspended Certification Summary

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Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand eight hundred and twenty eight **(2828)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and sixty-nine, **(269)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-two **(142)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and sixty-two **(862)** 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 fifty **(1050)** individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-one **(61)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and ten **(110)** 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-two **(262)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and forty-six **(346)** 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	98

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Certifications Issued From 07/01/2025 Through 07/31/2025

		2025 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	25	147
Truck Driver:	17	87
Apprentice Surface Miner:	67	646
Apprentice Underground Miner:	93	742
Underground Miner:	86	593
Surface Miner:	39	318
Shot Firer:	11	40
Underground Mine Foreman:	14	111
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	8	56
Outby Examiner::	1	3
Surface Mine Foreman:	7	34
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1	1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		2
Surface Construction Super:		8
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	27	135
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1	8
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1	2
Belt Examiner:	4	9
Mine Rescue Instructor:		6
40-Hour Instructor:		10
80-Hour Instructor:	1	19
Electrician:	20	123
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1	5
Qualified Clearing Crew:	9	98
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1	25
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	159	1,286
EMT-Mining:	13	178
EMT-Mining Instructor:	5	16
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	611	4,709
Tests Administered:	525	4,171
Duplicates Issued:	76	492
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	52	264
Certifications Revoked:	35	290

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER  
From 07/01/2025 Through 07/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	22
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	3
Apprentice Underground Miner:	46
Underground Miner:	34
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	6
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	27
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	3
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	97
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 260
 Tests Administered:	 251
 Duplicates Issued:	 31
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 5
 Certifications Revoked:	 7

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH  
From 07/01/2025 Through 07/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	21
Apprentice Underground Miner:	12
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	10
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
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:	7
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:	14
EMT-Mining:	3
EMT-Mining Instructor:	3
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 92
 Tests Administered:	 78
 Duplicates Issued:	 14
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 8
 Certifications Revoked:	 2

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE  
From 07/01/2025 Through 07/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	15
Apprentice Underground Miner:	20
Underground Miner:	14
Surface Miner:	15
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	1
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:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	4
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	28
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	118
Tests Administered:	104
Duplicates Issued:	12
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	8
Certifications Revoked:	20

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL  
From 07/01/2025 Through 07/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	28
Apprentice Underground Miner:	15
Underground Miner:	27
Surface Miner:	13
Shot Firer:	5
Underground Mine Foreman:	6
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
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:	1
Electrician:	6
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	17
EMT-Mining:	8
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 136
 Tests Administered:	 89
 Duplicates Issued:	 17
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 30
 Certifications Revoked:	 6

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON  
From 07/01/2025 Through 07/31/2025

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