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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 30th, 2024
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand six hundred and thirty-eight, **(2638)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and forty-nine, **(249)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and twenty-eight **(128)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and ten **(810)** 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. Nine-hundred and fifty-six **(956)** individuals have been reinstated. Fifty-six **(56)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. Ninety-seven **(97)** 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 fifty-six **(256)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and thirty-seven **(337)** 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
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	180	106

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Certifications Issued From 06/01/2024 Through 06/30/2024

		2024 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	33	202
Truck Driver:	11	140
Apprentice Surface Miner:	122	772
Apprentice Underground Miner:	127	882
Underground Miner:	75	710
Surface Miner:	44	410
Shot Firer:		17
Underground Mine Foreman:	20	124
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	8	47
Outby Examiner::		52
Surface Mine Foreman:	21	44
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		1
Surface Construction Super:	1	10
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	6	21
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1	13
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		
Belt Examiner:		10
Mine Rescue Instructor:		3
40-Hour Instructor:		16
80-Hour Instructor:		13
Electrician:	19	135
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		17
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6	54
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:		7
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	275	1,453
EMT-Mining:	14	326
EMT-Mining Instructor:		16
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	783	5,498
Tests Administered:	722	4,819
Duplicates Issued:	59	640
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	17	223
Certifications Revoked:	31	273

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 06/01/2024 Through 06/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	18
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	52
Underground Miner:	37
Surface Miner:	
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	8
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
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:	13
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	142
EMT-Mining:	8
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	283
Tests Administered:	263
Duplicates Issued:	21
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	4
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 06/01/2024 Through 06/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	18
Apprentice Underground Miner:	19
Underground Miner:	5
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
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:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	2
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:	23
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	84
Tests Administered:	84
Duplicates Issued:	5
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	6

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 06/01/2024 Through 06/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	8
Apprentice Surface Miner:	43
Apprentice Underground Miner:	31
Underground Miner:	13
Surface Miner:	15
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	6
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	6
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	4
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:	34
EMT-Mining:	4
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	178
Tests Administered:	159
Duplicates Issued:	13
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	10
Certifications Revoked:	12

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 06/01/2024 Through 06/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	11
Truck Driver:	2
Apprentice Surface Miner:	60
Apprentice Underground Miner:	25
Underground Miner:	19
Surface Miner:	14
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	6
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	15
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:	
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:	60
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 220
Tests Administered:	204
Duplicates Issued:	14
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	2
Certifications Revoked:	7

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 06/01/2024 Through 06/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	1
Surface Miner:	1
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:	16
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	18
Tests Administered:	12
Duplicates Issued:	6
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	1
Certifications Revoked:	1