



## State of West Virginia

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 30th, 2026  
**TO:** Frank Foster  
**SUBJECT:** Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand nine hundred and fifty-five (**2955**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and eighty-two, (**282**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-six (**146**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and ninety-two (**892**) 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, one hundred and seven (**1107**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-one (**61**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and nineteen (**119**) people have been permanently revoked for failing a second substance abuse test.

Over one-thousand six hundred and sixty-eight, (**1,668**) 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-six (**266**) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications, etc.)

Three hundred and fifty-six (**356**) 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  | 60   |

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Certifications Issued From 06/01/2026 Through 06/30/2026

|                                     |     | 2026<br>YTD |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 9   | 100         |
| Truck Driver:                       | 10  | 70          |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 81  | 425         |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 120 | 517         |
| Underground Miner:                  | 74  | 478         |
| Surface Miner:                      | 43  | 261         |
| Shot Firer:                         | 1   | 19          |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 12  | 89          |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     | 9   | 46          |
| Outby Examiner::                    | 4   | 12          |
| Surface Mine Foreman:               | 4   | 31          |
| Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:         |     | 1           |
| Shaft/Slope Superintendent:         |     | 1           |
| Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:       | 1   | 4           |
| Surface Construction Super:         | 2   | 7           |
| Clay Mine Foreman:                  |     |             |
| Mine Rescue:                        | 2   | 24          |
| Gas-Testing Instructor:             | 2   | 22          |
| Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:             | 1   | 2           |
| Belt Examiner:                      | 3   | 13          |
| Mine Rescue Instructor:             |     | 4           |
| 40-Hour Instructor:                 | 2   | 7           |
| 80-Hour Instructor:                 | 2   | 13          |
| Electrician:                        | 7   | 57          |
| Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super: |     |             |
| Qualified Diesel Instructor:        |     | 14          |
| Qualified Clearing Crew:            | 4   | 84          |
| Qualified Person, Electrical:       |     |             |
| Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:        | 1   | 17          |
| Safety Sensitive Personnel:         | 207 | 1,100       |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 7   | 124         |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              | 1   | 15          |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |     | 1           |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |     |             |
| Competent Fan Examiner:             | 59  | 86          |
| Total Certifications Issued:        | 668 | 3,644       |
| Tests Administered:                 | 600 | 3,245       |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 51  | 384         |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          | 38  | 179         |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 47  | 162         |

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER  
From 06/01/2026 Through 06/30/2026

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 4       |
| Truck Driver:                       | 1       |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 2       |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 82      |
| Underground Miner:                  | 52      |
| Surface Miner:                      |         |
| Shot Firer:                         |         |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 8       |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     | 8       |
| Outby Examiner:                     |         |
| Surface Mine Foreman:               |         |
| Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:         |         |
| Shaft/Slope Superintendent:         |         |
| Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:       | 1       |
| Surface Construction Super:         |         |
| Clay Mine Foreman:                  |         |
| Mine Rescue:                        | 1       |
| Gas-Testing Instructor:             |         |
| Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:             | 1       |
| Belt Examiner:                      | 2       |
| Mine Rescue Instructor:             |         |
| 40-Hour Instructor:                 |         |
| 80-Hour Instructor:                 |         |
| Electrician:                        | 5       |
| 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:         | 135     |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 1       |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |         |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |         |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |         |
| Competent Fan Examiner:             |         |
| <br>Total Certifications Issued:    | <br>304 |
| <br>Tests Administered:             | <br>292 |
| <br>Duplicates Issued:              | <br>10  |
| <br>Reciprocity Certs. Issued:      | <br>5   |
| <br>Certifications Revoked:         | <br>13  |

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH  
From 06/01/2026 Through 06/30/2026

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 2   |
| Truck Driver:                       |     |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 24  |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 10  |
| Underground Miner:                  | 8   |
| Surface Miner:                      | 19  |
| Shot Firer:                         | 1   |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 2   |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     |     |
| Outby Examiner:                     | 2   |
| 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:             | 1   |
| Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:             |     |
| Belt Examiner:                      | 1   |
| Mine Rescue Instructor:             |     |
| 40-Hour Instructor:                 | 1   |
| 80-Hour Instructor:                 | 1   |
| Electrician:                        |     |
| Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super: |     |
| Qualified Diesel Instructor:        |     |
| Qualified Clearing Crew:            | 1   |
| Qualified Person, Electrical:       |     |
| Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:        | 1   |
| Safety Sensitive Personnel:         | 17  |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 1   |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              | 1   |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |     |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |     |
| Competent Fan Examiner:             | 37  |
| Total Certifications Issued:        | 133 |
| Tests Administered:                 | 114 |
| Duplicates Issued:                  | 10  |
| Reciprocity Certs. Issued:          | 14  |
| Certifications Revoked:             | 2   |

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE  
From 06/01/2026 Through 06/30/2026

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Apprentice Electrician:             |        |
| Truck Driver:                       | 1      |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 22     |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 15     |
| Underground Miner:                  | 6      |
| Surface Miner:                      | 11     |
| Shot Firer:                         |        |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           | 2      |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     |        |
| Outby Examiner:                     | 2      |
| 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/S1 Super: |        |
| Qualified Diesel Instructor:        |        |
| Qualified Clearing Crew:            | 2      |
| Qualified Person, Electrical:       |        |
| Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:        |        |
| Safety Sensitive Personnel:         | 17     |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 3      |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |        |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |        |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |        |
| Competent Fan Examiner:             | 1      |
| <br>Total Certifications Issued:    | <br>83 |
| <br>Tests Administered:             | <br>68 |
| <br>Duplicates Issued:              | <br>11 |
| <br>Reciprocity Certs. Issued:      | <br>11 |
| <br>Certifications Revoked:         | <br>15 |

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL  
From 06/01/2026 Through 06/30/2026

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 2       |
| Truck Driver:                       | 8       |
| Apprentice Surface Miner:           | 33      |
| Apprentice Underground Miner:       | 13      |
| Underground Miner:                  | 7       |
| Surface Miner:                      | 12      |
| Shot Firer:                         |         |
| Underground Mine Foreman:           |         |
| Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:     | 1       |
| Outby Examiner:                     |         |
| Surface Mine Foreman:               | 1       |
| Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:         |         |
| Shaft/Slope Superintendent:         |         |
| Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:       |         |
| Surface Construction Super:         | 2       |
| Clay Mine Foreman:                  |         |
| Mine Rescue:                        | 1       |
| Gas-Testing Instructor:             | 1       |
| Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:             |         |
| Belt Examiner:                      |         |
| Mine Rescue Instructor:             |         |
| 40-Hour Instructor:                 | 1       |
| 80-Hour Instructor:                 | 1       |
| Electrician:                        | 1       |
| 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:         | 26      |
| EMT-Mining:                         | 2       |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |         |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |         |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |         |
| Competent Fan Examiner:             | 21      |
| <br>Total Certifications Issued:    | <br>133 |
| <br>Tests Administered:             | <br>114 |
| <br>Duplicates Issued:              | <br>17  |
| <br>Reciprocity Certs. Issued:      | <br>8   |
| <br>Certifications Revoked:         | <br>16  |

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON  
From 06/01/2026 Through 06/30/2026

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Apprentice Electrician:             | 1      |
| 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:         | 12     |
| EMT-Mining:                         |        |
| EMT-Mining Instructor:              |        |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:   |        |
| Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman: |        |
| Competent Fan Examiner:             |        |
| <br>Total Certifications Issued:    | <br>15 |
| <br>Tests Administered:             | <br>12 |
| <br>Duplicates Issued:              | <br>3  |
| <br>Reciprocity Certs. Issued:      |        |
| <br>Certifications Revoked:         | <br>1  |