



# State of West Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 31st, 2024  
**TO:** Frank Foster  
**SUBJECT:** Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand five hundred and ninety-one, **(2591)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and forty-six, **(246)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and twenty-eight **(128)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and six **(806)** 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 twenty-nine **(929)** individuals have been reinstated. Forty-three **(43)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. Ninety-four **(94)** 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 two **(252)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and twenty-nine **(329)** 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	59

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Certifications Issued From 01/01/2024 Through 03/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	78
Truck Driver:	91
Apprentice Surface Miner:	441
Apprentice Underground Miner:	521
Underground Miner:	391
Surface Miner:	230
Shot Firer:	12
Underground Mine Foreman:	52
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	24
Surface Mine Foreman:	16
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	5
Mine Rescue:	8
Gas Tester:	10
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	7
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	9
80-Hour Instructor:	9
Electrician:	62
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	3
Qualified Clearing Crew:	31
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	4
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	753
EMT-Mining:	134
EMT-Mining Instructor:	5
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	2,899
Tests Administered:	2,451
Duplicates Issued:	430
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	136
Certifications Revoked:	175

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER  
From 01/01/2024 Through 03/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	40
Truck Driver:	41
Apprentice Surface Miner:	25
Apprentice Underground Miner:	221
Underground Miner:	173
Surface Miner:	9
Shot Firer:	4
Underground Mine Foreman:	14
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	8
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	2
Mine Rescue:	8
Gas Tester:	5
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	6
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	4
Electrician:	39
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	12
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	394
EMT-Mining:	26
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	1,037
Tests Administered:	976
Duplicates Issued:	112
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	22
Certifications Revoked:	52

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH  
From 01/01/2024 Through 03/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	12
Truck Driver:	18
Apprentice Surface Miner:	138
Apprentice Underground Miner:	73
Underground Miner:	54
Surface Miner:	48
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	12
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	2
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	4
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	13
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	3
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	69
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	463
Tests Administered:	360
Duplicates Issued:	87
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	30
Certifications Revoked:	21

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE  
From 01/01/2024 Through 03/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	24
Truck Driver:	22
Apprentice Surface Miner:	147
Apprentice Underground Miner:	138
Underground Miner:	96
Surface Miner:	95
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	7
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Surface Mine Foreman:	9
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	2
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	2
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	9
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	135
EMT-Mining:	45
EMT-Mining Instructor:	3
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	748
Tests Administered:	605
Duplicates Issued:	106
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	66
Certifications Revoked:	40

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL  
From 01/01/2024 Through 03/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	10
Apprentice Surface Miner:	130
Apprentice Underground Miner:	89
Underground Miner:	63
Surface Miner:	77
Shot Firer:	5
Underground Mine Foreman:	17
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	10
Surface Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	2
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	5
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:	147
EMT-Mining:	61
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	632
Tests Administered:	504
Duplicates Issued:	112
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	17
Certifications Revoked:	61

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON  
From 01/01/2024 Through 03/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	5
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	8
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	19
Tests Administered:	6
Duplicates Issued:	13
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	1
Certifications Revoked:	1