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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31st, 2025

TO: Frank Foster

SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, **(2773)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and sixty-three, **(263)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty **(140)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and forty-eight **(848)** 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 ten **(1010)** individuals have been reinstated. Fifty-seven **(57)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and five **(105)** 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 **(260)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and forty-two **(342)** 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	40

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Certifications Issued From 03/01/2025 Through 03/31/2025

		2025 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	16	73
Truck Driver:	12	36
Apprentice Surface Miner:	84	314
Apprentice Underground Miner:	103	322
Underground Miner:	71	230
Surface Miner:	53	143
Shot Firer:		
Underground Mine Foreman:	21	59
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	12	31
Outby Examiner::	1	1
Surface Mine Foreman:	6	15
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		
Surface Construction Super:	1	3
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	2	44
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1	5
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1	1
Belt Examiner:	1	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:		2
40-Hour Instructor:		3
80-Hour Instructor:	2	8
Electrician:	10	60
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		4
Qualified Clearing Crew:	31	55
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	5	7
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	180	475
EMT-Mining:	28	69
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1	6
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	642	1,969
Tests Administered:	574	1,726
Duplicates Issued:	57	207
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	32	106
Certifications Revoked:	65	134

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 03/01/2025 Through 03/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	9
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	2
Apprentice Underground Miner:	57
Underground Miner:	35
Surface Miner:	2
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	12
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	10
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	2
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	15
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	83
EMT-Mining:	8
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	240
Tests Administered:	231
Duplicates Issued:	18
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	4
Certifications Revoked:	12

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 03/01/2025 Through 03/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	24
Apprentice Underground Miner:	10
Underground Miner:	6
Surface Miner:	13
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
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:	
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.:	2
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	16
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	79
Tests Administered:	75
Duplicates Issued:	3
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	3
Certifications Revoked:	14

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 03/01/2025 Through 03/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	26
Apprentice Underground Miner:	20
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	19
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	1
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:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	3
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	2
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	19
EMT-Mining:	5
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	127
Tests Administered:	104
Duplicates Issued:	10
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	18
Certifications Revoked:	24

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 03/01/2025 Through 03/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	32
Apprentice Underground Miner:	16
Underground Miner:	20
Surface Miner:	19
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
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:	1
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	6
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	11
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	30
EMT-Mining:	14
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 164
 Tests Administered:	 141
 Duplicates Issued:	 17
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 7
 Certifications Revoked:	 14

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 03/01/2025 Through 03/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	
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:	32
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 32
Tests Administered:	23
Duplicates Issued:	9
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	1