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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31st, 2026
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (**2923**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy-nine, (**279**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-six (**146**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and eighty-six (**886**) 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 eighty-seven (**1087**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-one (**61**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and eighteen (**118**) 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-four (**264**) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and fifty-three (**353**) 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	28

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Certifications Issued From 03/01/2026 Through 03/31/2026

		2026 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	22	57
Truck Driver:	8	39
Apprentice Surface Miner:	71	237
Apprentice Underground Miner:	85	241
Underground Miner:	90	254
Surface Miner:	68	154
Shot Firer:	14	18
Underground Mine Foreman:	20	53
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	11	16
Outby Examiner: :	1	3
Surface Mine Foreman:	6	17
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1	1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		3
Surface Construction Super:		
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	7	13
Gas-Testing Instructor:	9	19
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		1
Belt Examiner:	2	8
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1	3
40-Hour Instructor:		1
80-Hour Instructor:	1	7
Electrician:	4	35
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2	9
Qualified Clearing Crew:	15	64
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	3	13
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	172	522
EMT-Mining:	19	44
EMT-Mining Instructor:	6	13
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	638	1,846
Tests Administered:	549	1,606
Duplicates Issued:	86	234
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	32	97
Certifications Revoked:	31	82

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 03/01/2026 Through 03/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	3
Apprentice Underground Miner:	51
Underground Miner:	46
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	12
Underground Mine Foreman:	12
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	9
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:	2
Gas-Testing Instructor:	7
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	115
EMT-Mining:	9
EMT-Mining Instructor:	5
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	286
Tests Administered:	284
Duplicates Issued:	19
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	4

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 03/01/2026 Through 03/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	15
Apprentice Underground Miner:	14
Underground Miner:	16
Surface Miner:	31
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
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:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	2
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	2
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	12
EMT-Mining:	6
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	119
Tests Administered:	75
Duplicates Issued:	20
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	25
Certifications Revoked:	6

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 03/01/2026 Through 03/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	5
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	32
Apprentice Underground Miner:	8
Underground Miner:	18
Surface Miner:	18
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
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:	5
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
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:	27
EMT-Mining:	4
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	131
Tests Administered:	105
Duplicates Issued:	30
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	7
Certifications Revoked:	16

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 03/01/2026 Through 03/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	10
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	20
Apprentice Underground Miner:	12
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	17
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
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:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	14
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	96
Tests Administered:	82
Duplicates Issued:	14
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 03/01/2026 Through 03/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	
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:	4
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	6
Tests Administered:	3
Duplicates Issued:	3
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	