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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 31st, 2025  
**TO:** Frank Foster  
**SUBJECT:** Suspended Certification Summary

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Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, **(2798)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and sixty-seven, **(267)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-one **(141)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and fifty-five **(855)** 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 twenty-nine **(1029)** individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-four **(64)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and eight **(108)** 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-one **(261)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and forty-four **(344)** 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	68

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Certifications Issued From 05/01/2025 Through 05/31/2025

		2025 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	7	92
Truck Driver:	13	60
Apprentice Surface Miner:	102	484
Apprentice Underground Miner:	116	513
Underground Miner:	96	418
Surface Miner:	63	236
Shot Firer:	2	5
Underground Mine Foreman:	14	81
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4	41
Outby Examiner::	1	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	2	22
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		2
Surface Construction Super:	1	4
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	38	106
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1	6
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		1
Belt Examiner:		4
Mine Rescue Instructor:		6
40-Hour Instructor:		8
80-Hour Instructor:	3	15
Electrician:	20	91
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		4
Qualified Clearing Crew:	7	73
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	8	23
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	202	907
EMT-Mining:	27	103
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1	11
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	728	3,319
Tests Administered:	630	2,923
Duplicates Issued:	73	355
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	55	183
Certifications Revoked:	41	224

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER  
From 05/01/2025 Through 05/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	2
Apprentice Underground Miner:	70
Underground Miner:	50
Surface Miner:	2
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	36
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	6
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	7
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	117
EMT-Mining:	12
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 316
 Tests Administered:	 299
 Duplicates Issued:	 25
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 8
 Certifications Revoked:	 11

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH  
From 05/01/2025 Through 05/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	20
Apprentice Underground Miner:	10
Underground Miner:	23
Surface Miner:	17
Shot Firer:	1
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:	1
Electrician:	4
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:	19
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 98
 Tests Administered:	 71
 Duplicates Issued:	 8
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 23
 Certifications Revoked:	 1

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE  
From 05/01/2025 Through 05/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	30
Apprentice Underground Miner:	15
Underground Miner:	15
Surface Miner:	25
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	7
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:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	6
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	23
EMT-Mining:	4
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	146
Tests Administered:	112
Duplicates Issued:	22
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	22
Certifications Revoked:	17

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL  
From 05/01/2025 Through 05/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	50
Apprentice Underground Miner:	21
Underground Miner:	8
Surface Miner:	18
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Outby Examiner:	1
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	4
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	29
EMT-Mining:	9
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	153
Tests Administered:	137
Duplicates Issued:	14
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	2
Certifications Revoked:	12

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON  
From 05/01/2025 Through 05/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
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/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	14
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 15
 Tests Administered:	 11
 Duplicates Issued:	 4
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
 Certifications Revoked:	