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MEMORANDUM

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

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight (**2938**) 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-nine (**889**) 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 one (**1101**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-two (**62**) 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 fifty-six, (**1,656**) 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-five (**265**) no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications, etc.)

Three hundred and fifty-five (**355**) 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	43

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Certifications Issued From 05/01/2026 Through 05/31/2026

		2026 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	16	91
Truck Driver:	8	60
Apprentice Surface Miner:	55	344
Apprentice Underground Miner:	89	397
Underground Miner:	71	405
Surface Miner:	23	218
Shot Firer:		19
Underground Mine Foreman:	13	77
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	18	37
Outby Examiner::	5	8
Surface Mine Foreman:	3	27
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	1	1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		3
Surface Construction Super:		5
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	8	22
Gas-Testing Instructor:		20
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		1
Belt Examiner:	1	10
Mine Rescue Instructor:		4
40-Hour Instructor:	3	5
80-Hour Instructor:	2	11
Electrician:	3	50
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		14
Qualified Diesel Instructor:		14
Qualified Clearing Crew:	8	80
Qualified Person, Electrical:		16
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:		893
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	227	117
EMT-Mining:	28	14
EMT-Mining Instructor:		1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Competent Fan Examiner:	16	27
Total Certifications Issued:	598	2,978
Tests Administered:	569	2,647
Duplicates Issued:	34	333
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	18	141
Certifications Revoked:	15	117

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 05/01/2026 Through 05/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	12
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	46
Underground Miner:	44
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Outby Examiner:	5
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	3
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	2
80-Hour Instructor:	2
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	142
EMT-Mining:	26
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	5
Total Certifications Issued:	303
Tests Administered:	303
Duplicates Issued:	9
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	5
Certifications Revoked:	4

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 05/01/2026 Through 05/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	18
Apprentice Underground Miner:	12
Underground Miner:	9
Surface Miner:	7
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	1
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:	
Electrician:	1
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:	21
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	6
Total Certifications Issued:	81
Tests Administered:	70
Duplicates Issued:	4
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	8
Certifications Revoked:	1

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 05/01/2026 Through 05/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	22
Apprentice Underground Miner:	22
Underground Miner:	11
Surface Miner:	4
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	4
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	17
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	1
Total Certifications Issued:	93
Tests Administered:	94
Duplicates Issued:	7
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	9

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 05/01/2026 Through 05/31/2026

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	14
Apprentice Underground Miner:	9
Underground Miner:	7
Surface Miner:	11
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	10
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
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:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	41
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Competent Fan Examiner:	4
Total Certifications Issued:	115
Tests Administered:	97
Duplicates Issued:	13
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	5
Certifications Revoked:	1

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 05/01/2026 Through 05/31/2026

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: 6
EMT-Mining:
EMT-Mining Instructor:
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:
Competent Fan Examiner:

Total Certifications Issued: 6
Tests Administered: 5
Duplicates Issued: 1
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:
Certifications Revoked: