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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30th, 2024
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand seven hundred and twenty-three, **(2723)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and fifty-five, **(255)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and thirty-three **(133)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and thirty-four **(834)** 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 eighty-four **(984)** individuals have been reinstated. Sixty **(60)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and one **(101)** 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 fifty-nine **(259)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and thirty-eight **(338)** 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	191

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Certifications Issued From 11/01/2024 Through 11/30/2024

		2024 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	11	331
Truck Driver:	7	192
Apprentice Surface Miner:	87	1,250
Apprentice Underground Miner:	157	1,470
Underground Miner:	92	1,252
Surface Miner:	39	675
Shot Firer:	5	38
Underground Mine Foreman:	21	217
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4	74
Outby Examiner::		77
Surface Mine Foreman:	4	65
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		6
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	3	1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		19
Surface Construction Super:	2	
Clay Mine Foreman:		51
Mine Rescue:	12	17
Gas-Testing Instructor:	2	10
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1	15
Belt Examiner:	1	7
Mine Rescue Instructor:	4	20
40-Hour Instructor:		22
80-Hour Instructor:	2	239
Electrician:	25	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:		22
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1	105
Qualified Clearing Crew:	15	
Qualified Person, Electrical:		11
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1	2,433
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	161	434
EMT-Mining:	24	25
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	682	9,080
Tests Administered:	601	8,019
Duplicates Issued:	70	982
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	54	430
Certifications Revoked:	45	518

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 11/01/2024 Through 11/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	11
Apprentice Underground Miner:	111
Underground Miner:	31
Surface Miner:	2
Shot Firer:	2
Underground Mine Foreman:	6
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	3
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	11
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	2
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	11
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:	90
EMT-Mining:	18
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 308
Tests Administered:	306
Duplicates Issued:	21
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	6
Certifications Revoked:	8

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 11/01/2024 Through 11/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	25
Apprentice Underground Miner:	14
Underground Miner:	13
Surface Miner:	12
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	6
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:	3
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	15
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 101
Tests Administered:	81
Duplicates Issued:	8
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	16
Certifications Revoked:	7

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 11/01/2024 Through 11/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	27
Apprentice Underground Miner:	16
Underground Miner:	44
Surface Miner:	17
Shot Firer:	3
Underground Mine Foreman:	7
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
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:	1
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:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	29
EMT-Mining:	3
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 162
Tests Administered:	121
Duplicates Issued:	24
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	32
Certifications Revoked:	15

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 11/01/2024 Through 11/30/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	24
Apprentice Underground Miner:	16
Underground Miner:	4
Surface Miner:	8
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
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:	1
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	2
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	10
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	3
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	20
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 102
Tests Administered:	89
Duplicates Issued:	12
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	15

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 11/01/2024 Through 11/30/2024

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: 2
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: 7
EMT-Mining:
EMT-Mining Instructor:
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:

Total Certifications Issued: 9
Tests Administered: 4
Duplicates Issued: 5
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:
Certifications Revoked: