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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31st, 2024
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand seven hundred and eight, **(2708)** 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 **(830)** 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-one **(981)** individuals have been reinstated. Sixty **(60)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred **(100)** 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	176

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Certifications Issued From 10/01/2024 Through 10/31/2024

		2024 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	21	320
Truck Driver:	9	185
Apprentice Surface Miner:	101	1,164
Apprentice Underground Miner:	92	1,313
Underground Miner:	102	1,161
Surface Miner:	74	636
Shot Firer:	7	33
Underground Mine Foreman:	14	196
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	6	70
Outby Examiner::	6	77
Surface Mine Foreman:	2	61
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1	3
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		1
Surface Construction Super:	3	17
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	8	39
Gas-Testing Instructor:		15
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	5	9
Belt Examiner:	1	14
Mine Rescue Instructor:		3
40-Hour Instructor:		20
80-Hour Instructor:	1	20
Electrician:	26	214
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1	21
Qualified Clearing Crew:	7	90
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	2	10
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	186	2,272
EMT-Mining:	9	411
EMT-Mining Instructor:		24
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	684	8,401
Tests Administered:	597	7,419
Duplicates Issued:	77	912
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	42	377
Certifications Revoked:	47	475

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 10/01/2024 Through 10/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	5
Apprentice Underground Miner:	40
Underground Miner:	41
Surface Miner:	2
Shot Firer:	3
Underground Mine Foreman:	7
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	6
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:	7
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	8
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	3
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	101
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	234
Tests Administered:	226
Duplicates Issued:	20
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	9
Certifications Revoked:	18

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 10/01/2024 Through 10/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	19
Apprentice Underground Miner:	15
Underground Miner:	37
Surface Miner:	22
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
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:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	2
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	15
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	126
Tests Administered:	91
Duplicates Issued:	12
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	25
Certifications Revoked:	9

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 10/01/2024 Through 10/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	35
Apprentice Underground Miner:	16
Underground Miner:	15
Surface Miner:	26
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	4
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/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	1
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	28
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	150
Tests Administered:	132
Duplicates Issued:	19
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	6
Certifications Revoked:	2

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 10/01/2024 Through 10/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	2
Apprentice Surface Miner:	42
Apprentice Underground Miner:	21
Underground Miner:	8
Surface Miner:	24
Shot Firer:	3
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	2
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	5
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	7
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:	25
EMT-Mining:	6
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	156
Tests Administered:	134
Duplicates Issued:	22
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	2
Certifications Revoked:	17

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 10/01/2024 Through 10/31/2024

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	1
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:	17
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	18
Tests Administered:	14
Duplicates Issued:	4
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	1