



State of West Virginia

WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety & Training

Frank Foster, Director

7 Players Club Drive, Suite 2 • Charleston, West Virginia • 25311-2126

Telephone 304-558-1425 • Fax 304-558-1282

www.minesafety.wv.gov

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31st, 2025

TO: Frank Foster

SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand eight hundred and seventy **(2870)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy-five, **(275)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-five **(145)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and seventy-one **(871)** 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 sixty-three **(1063)** individuals have been reinstated. Fifty-nine **(59)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and fourteen **(114)** 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-two **(262)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and fifty **(350)** 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	140

- Region One • 14 Commerce Dr., Suite 1 - Westover, West Virginia 26501 • Telephone 304-285-3268 • Fax 304-285-3275
- Region Two • 830 Virginia Ave. Welch, West Virginia 24801-2311 • Telephone 304-436-8421 • Fax 304-436-2100
- WVTCC • 431 Running Right Way, Julian West Virginia 25529 • Telephone 304-369-7823 • Fax 304-369-7826
- Region Four • 337 Industrial Dr.-Oak Hill West Virginia 25901-9714 • Telephone 304-469-8100 • Fax 304-469-4059

Certifications Issued From 10/01/2025 Through 10/31/2025

		2025 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	27	214
Truck Driver:	13	131
Apprentice Surface Miner:	42	812
Apprentice Underground Miner:	110	1,067
Underground Miner:	87	842
Surface Miner:	43	431
Shot Firer:	3	56
Underground Mine Foreman:	11	143
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	6	69
Outby Examiner::	2	9
Surface Mine Foreman:	4	48
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	1	2
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1	2
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		2
Surface Construction Super:		12
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	37	199
Gas-Testing Instructor:	3	17
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		2
Belt Examiner:	3	16
Mine Rescue Instructor:		7
40-Hour Instructor:	3	14
80-Hour Instructor:	3	25
Electrician:	21	171
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2	11
Qualified Clearing Crew:	4	121
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	4	33
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	153	1,731
EMT-Mining:	39	246
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2	26
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		1
Total Certifications Issued:	624	6,460
Tests Administered:	562	5,726
Duplicates Issued:	61	687
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	47	371
Certifications Revoked:	46	404

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 10/01/2025 Through 10/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	12
Truck Driver:	2
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	64
Underground Miner:	45
Surface Miner:	2
Shot Firer:	2
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3
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:	26
Gas-Testing Instructor:	2
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	2
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	3
Electrician:	14
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	101
EMT-Mining:	10
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	296
Tests Administered:	291
Duplicates Issued:	27
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	13
Certifications Revoked:	15

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 10/01/2025 Through 10/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	16
Apprentice Underground Miner:	6
Underground Miner:	15
Surface Miner:	13
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
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:	2
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	13
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 79
 Tests Administered:	 62
 Duplicates Issued:	 5
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 15
 Certifications Revoked:	

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 10/01/2025 Through 10/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	10
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	11
Apprentice Underground Miner:	33
Underground Miner:	17
Surface Miner:	12
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Outby Examiner:	2
Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	7
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	2
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	15
EMT-Mining:	4
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	126
Tests Administered:	103
Duplicates Issued:	16
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	14
Certifications Revoked:	20

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 10/01/2025 Through 10/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	2
Truck Driver:	3
Apprentice Surface Miner:	15
Apprentice Underground Miner:	6
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	16
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Clay Mine Foreman:	
Mine Rescue:	4
Gas-Testing Instructor:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	1
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	23
EMT-Mining:	24
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	121
Tests Administered:	104
Duplicates Issued:	13
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	5
Certifications Revoked:	11

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 10/01/2025 Through 10/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	1
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/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	1
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 2
 Tests Administered:	 2
 Duplicates Issued:	
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
 Certifications Revoked:	