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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30th, 2023
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand four hundred and sixty-nine, **(2469)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and thirty, **(230)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and eighteen **(118)** were acting as supervisors. Seven hundred and seventy **(770)** 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. Eight-hundred and eighty **(880)** individuals have been reinstated. Eighty-five **(85)** individuals are currently in a treatment plan. Eighty-seven **(87)** persons 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 forty-five **(245)** no actions taken, for various reasons, (i.e., out of state workers, no West Virginia certifications,) etc.

Three-hundred and thirteen **(313)** 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
593	274	114	216	383	279	162	131	200	117

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Certifications Issued From 09/01/2023 Through 09/30/2023

		2023 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	51	338
Truck Driver:	15	247
Apprentice Surface Miner:	132	1,485
Apprentice Underground Miner:	179	1,524
Underground Miner:	142	1,155
Surface Miner:	80	740
Shot Firer:	4	31
Underground Mine Foreman:	27	236
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	13	84
Surface Mine Foreman:	10	81
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		2
Surface Construction Super:	2	26
Mine Rescue:	2	37
Gas Tester:	2	22
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1	7
Belt Examiner:	1	34
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1	3
40-Hour Instructor:		22
80-Hour Instructor:	1	30
Electrician:	36	209
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2	54
Qualified Clearing Crew:	6	108
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	3	24
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	245	2,546
EMT-Mining:	11	434
EMT-Mining Instructor:	5	24
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		10
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		1
Total Certifications Issued:	971	9,516
Tests Administered:	785	8,009
Duplicates Issued:	155	1,410
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	63	393
Certifications Revoked:	31	318

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 09/01/2023 Through 09/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	10
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	5
Apprentice Underground Miner:	58
Underground Miner:	55
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	2
Underground Mine Foreman:	16
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	9
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas Tester:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	1
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	13
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	2
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	113
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	3
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	294
Tests Administered:	273
Duplicates Issued:	29
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	4
Certifications Revoked:	7

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
 From 09/01/2023 Through 09/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	4
Apprentice Surface Miner:	40
Apprentice Underground Miner:	30
Underground Miner:	10
Surface Miner:	20
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
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.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	35
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	155
Tests Administered:	119
Duplicates Issued:	24
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	16
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
 From 09/01/2023 Through 09/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	32
Truck Driver:	9
Apprentice Surface Miner:	34
Apprentice Underground Miner:	53
Underground Miner:	55
Surface Miner:	37
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	8
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4
Surface Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	1
Gas Tester:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
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.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	36
EMT-Mining:	7
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	291
Tests Administered:	217
Duplicates Issued:	48
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	42
Certifications Revoked:	14

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 09/01/2023 Through 09/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	52
Apprentice Underground Miner:	38
Underground Miner:	22
Surface Miner:	22
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	4
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	1
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	1
Electrician:	13
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	1
Qualified Clearing Crew:	2
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	56
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 224
 Tests Administered:	 173
 Duplicates Issued:	 50
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 1
 Certifications Revoked:	 5

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 09/01/2023 Through 09/30/2023

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	
Surface Miner:	
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	
Mine Rescue:	
Gas Tester:	
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:	5
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	7
Tests Administered:	3
Duplicates Issued:	4
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	