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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30th, 2025
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand eight hundred and fifty-four **(2854)** individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy-four, **(274)** possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-five **(145)** were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and sixty-eight **(868)** 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 fifty-nine **(1059)** individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-two **(62)** individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and eleven **(111)** 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 forty-seven **(347)** 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	124

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Certifications Issued From 09/01/2025 Through 09/30/2025

		2025 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	17	187
Truck Driver:	17	118
Apprentice Surface Miner:	66	771
Apprentice Underground Miner:	110	957
Underground Miner:	82	755
Surface Miner:	40	388
Shot Firer:	1	53
Underground Mine Foreman:	8	132
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	4	63
Outby Examiner::		7
Surface Mine Foreman:	3	44
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		2
Surface Construction Super:	4	12
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	23	162
Gas-Testing Instructor:	4	14
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		2
Belt Examiner:	3	13
Mine Rescue Instructor:		7
40-Hour Instructor:	1	11
80-Hour Instructor:	3	22
Electrician:	18	150
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2	9
Qualified Clearing Crew:	7	117
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	3	29
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	149	1,579
EMT-Mining:	11	207
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2	24
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	1	1
Total Certifications Issued:	579	5,838
Tests Administered:	502	5,165
Duplicates Issued:	77	626
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	24	324
Certifications Revoked:	51	361

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 09/01/2025 Through 09/30/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	8
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	1
Apprentice Underground Miner:	62
Underground Miner:	49
Surface Miner:	1
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
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:	23
Gas-Testing Instructor:	3
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	3
Electrician:	10
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/SI Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	3
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	90
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 263
 Tests Administered:	 244
 Duplicates Issued:	 20
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 12
 Certifications Revoked:	 22

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 09/01/2025 Through 09/30/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	1
Truck Driver:	6
Apprentice Surface Miner:	22
Apprentice Underground Miner:	10
Underground Miner:	6
Surface Miner:	12
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:	1
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:	5
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:	9
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	77
Tests Administered:	62
Duplicates Issued:	14
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	5
Certifications Revoked:	9

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 09/01/2025 Through 09/30/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	3
Truck Driver:	1
Apprentice Surface Miner:	21
Apprentice Underground Miner:	25
Underground Miner:	17
Surface Miner:	15
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	3
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:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
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:	13
EMT-Mining:	2
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	108
Tests Administered:	86
Duplicates Issued:	23
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	5
Certifications Revoked:	14

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 09/01/2025 Through 09/30/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	5
Truck Driver:	9
Apprentice Surface Miner:	22
Apprentice Underground Miner:	13
Underground Miner:	9
Surface Miner:	11
Shot Firer:	1
Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	2
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:	
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:	
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:	
Surface Construction Super:	3
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:	2
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:	26
EMT-Mining:	7
EMT-Mining Instructor:	1
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	1
 Total Certifications Issued:	 118
 Tests Administered:	 99
 Duplicates Issued:	 18
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 1
 Certifications Revoked:	 6

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 09/01/2025 Through 09/30/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	1
Surface Miner:	1
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:	11
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
 Total Certifications Issued:	 13
 Tests Administered:	 11
 Duplicates Issued:	 2
 Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	 1
 Certifications Revoked:	