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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31st, 2025
TO: Frank Foster
SUBJECT: Suspended Certification Summary

Since January 1, 2013, two-thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven (**2837**) individuals have had their mining certifications suspended. Of which two hundred and seventy, (**270**) possessed foreman's certifications; of those, one hundred and forty-two (**142**) were acting as supervisors. Eight hundred and sixty-four (**864**) 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-three (**1053**) individuals have been reinstated. Sixty-two (**62**) individuals are currently active in a treatment plan. One hundred and ten (**110**) 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	107

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Certifications Issued From 08/01/2025 Through 08/31/2025

		2025 YTD
Apprentice Electrician:	23	170
Truck Driver:	14	101
Apprentice Surface Miner:	59	705
Apprentice Underground Miner:	105	847
Underground Miner:	82	674
Surface Miner:	30	348
Shot Firer:	12	52
Underground Mine Foreman:	13	124
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	3	59
Outby Examiner::	4	7
Surface Mine Foreman:	7	41
Asst. Surface Mine Foreman:		1
Shaft/Slope Superintendent:		1
Shaft/Slope Examiner Foreman:		2
Surface Construction Super:		8
Clay Mine Foreman:		
Mine Rescue:	4	139
Gas-Testing Instructor:	2	10
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:		2
Belt Examiner:	1	10
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1	7
40-Hour Instructor:		10
80-Hour Instructor:		19
Electrician:	9	132
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:		7
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	12	110
Qualified Person, Electrical:		
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1	26
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	145	1,431
EMT-Mining:	19	197
EMT-Mining Instructor:	6	22
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:		
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:		
Total Certifications Issued:	554	5,262
Tests Administered:	496	4,666
Duplicates Issued:	57	549
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	36	300
Certifications Revoked:	20	310

Certifications Issued in REGION I, WESTOVER
From 08/01/2025 Through 08/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	13
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	5
Apprentice Underground Miner:	56
Underground Miner:	43
Surface Miner:	
Shot Firer:	3
Underground Mine Foreman:	5
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	1
Outby Examiner:	4
Surface Mine Foreman:	
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:	
Belt Examiner:	1
Mine Rescue Instructor:	1
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	5
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/S1 Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	2
Qualified Clearing Crew:	4
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	97
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	247
Tests Administered:	243
Duplicates Issued:	26
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	4
Certifications Revoked:	4

Certifications Issued in REGION II, WELCH
From 08/01/2025 Through 08/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	2
Apprentice Surface Miner:	13
Apprentice Underground Miner:	5
Underground Miner:	9
Surface Miner:	13
Shot Firer:	
Underground Mine Foreman:	3
Asst. Underground Mine Foreman:	
Outby Examiner:	
Surface Mine Foreman:	7
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:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	3
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	3
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	1
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	7
EMT-Mining:	1
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	68
Tests Administered:	52
Duplicates Issued:	5
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	16
Certifications Revoked:	6

Certifications Issued in REGION III, DANVILLE
From 08/01/2025 Through 08/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	6
Truck Driver:	2
Apprentice Surface Miner:	22
Apprentice Underground Miner:	31
Underground Miner:	19
Surface Miner:	9
Shot Firer:	4
Underground Mine Foreman:	4
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:	3
Gas-Testing Instructor:	1
Shaft/Slope Shot Firer:	
Belt Examiner:	
Mine Rescue Instructor:	
40-Hour Instructor:	
80-Hour Instructor:	
Electrician:	1
Gas Test Inst.; Cnst., Sh/Sl Super:	
Qualified Diesel Instructor:	
Qualified Clearing Crew:	5
Qualified Person, Electrical:	
Cont. Ed. for Ug. MF Instr.:	
Safety Sensitive Personnel:	21
EMT-Mining:	3
EMT-Mining Instructor:	2
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	135
Tests Administered:	110
Duplicates Issued:	17
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	12
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION IV, OAK HILL
From 08/01/2025 Through 08/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	4
Truck Driver:	5
Apprentice Surface Miner:	19
Apprentice Underground Miner:	13
Underground Miner:	11
Surface Miner:	7
Shot Firer:	5
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:	10
EMT-Mining:	14
EMT-Mining Instructor:	4
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	92
Tests Administered:	82
Duplicates Issued:	6
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	4
Certifications Revoked:	5

Certifications Issued in REGION IX, CHARLESTON
From 08/01/2025 Through 08/31/2025

Apprentice Electrician:	
Truck Driver:	
Apprentice Surface Miner:	
Apprentice Underground Miner:	
Underground Miner:	
Surface Miner:	1
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:	
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:	10
EMT-Mining:	
EMT-Mining Instructor:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Super:	
Raised Bore Blind Drilling Foreman:	
Total Certifications Issued:	12
Tests Administered:	9
Duplicates Issued:	3
Reciprocity Certs. Issued:	
Certifications Revoked:	