

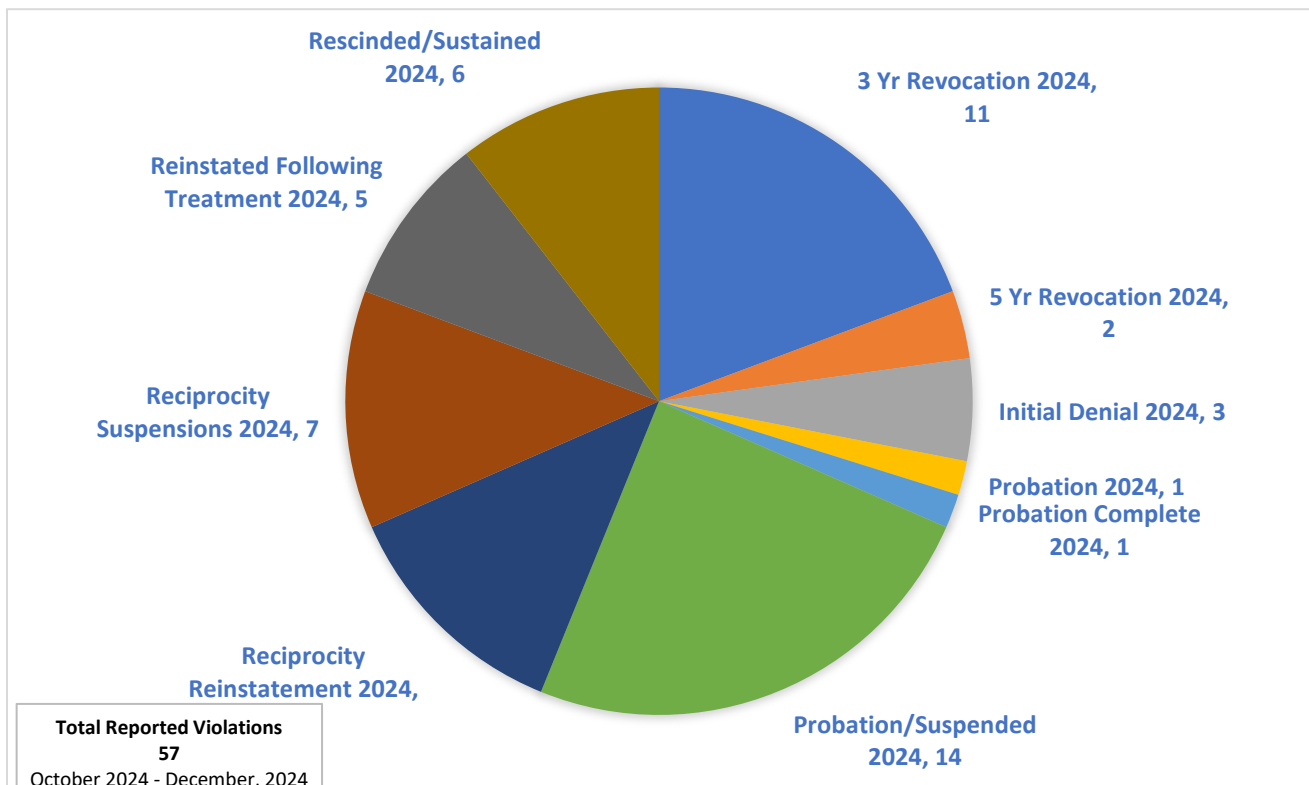


Division of Mine Safety 2024 Q4

Drug Sanctions Pie Chart

House Bill 572, became effective on July 12, 2006. This bill incorporated recommendations of a **Mine Substance Abuse Task Force** formed to address concerns regarding drug and alcohol abuse in the mining industry to include:

- Substance and alcohol testing for miners
- Initial alcohol and substance abuse education and training for new and experienced miners
- Development of voluntary employee assistance programs
- Require individuals to demonstrate, by submitting to a drug test, that they are drug and alcohol free prior to receiving initial miner certification. Violation of drug-free status could result in possible probation, suspension or revocation of certification
- Authority for state to conduct post-accident drug testing



Sanctions List

[Sanctions List](#) – This link will provide you with information regarding **penalties imposed on certified and noncertified personnel** by the Mine Safety Review Commission.

[Mine Safety Review Commission](#)

Recognizing that the highest priority and concern of the Commonwealth must be the health and safety of the coal industry's most valuable resource - the miner - resulted in the creation of the Mine Safety Review Commission (MSRC) [KRS 351.1041](#).

The three-member commission currently consisting of, **Chairman David B. Sloan, Commissioner William B. Donan and Commissioner Darris Russell**, each of whom are required to meet the criteria of a Court of Appeals Judge, is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

The commission conducts hearings concerning licensed premises and both certified and noncertified personnel involved in coal mining, who are charged with willful and repeated violations of Kentucky's mine safety laws and placing miners in imminent danger of serious injury or death.

Therefore, the Mine Safety Review Commission is charged with conducting hearings and issuing orders regarding licensees, coal operations and other persons involved in the mining of coal in accordance with [KRS 351.194](#). Administrative complaints are filed with the MSRC by the Kentucky Division of Mine Safety. Hearings are held in accordance with [KRS Chapter 13B](#).

Fatal and Serious Mining ACCIDENTS – 2024 Q4

No serious or fatal accidents occurred during this quarter.