

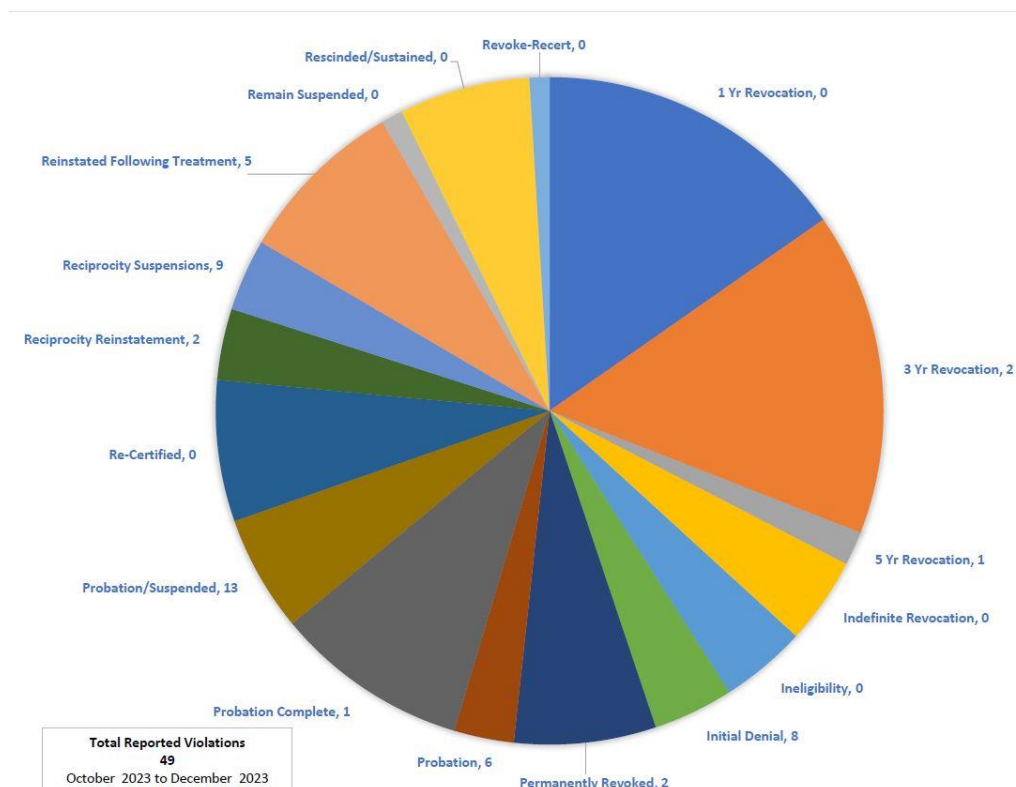


Division of Mine Safety 2023 Q4

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 – 2023 Q4

No serious or fatal accidents occurred during this quarter.

Kentucky Safety Milestone

The Energy and Environment Cabinet is pleased to announce a significant safety milestone in the Kentucky coal industry. The industry achieved a safety record of zero fatalities for the calendar year 2023. This achievement marks the first time in the history of the Kentucky Division of Mine Safety that the coal industry has marked such a record. The industry has actually accomplished a 21-month record with no fatalities since March 20, 2022.

The Cabinet extends its congratulations to the entire industry for their work in reaching this milestone. The industry's partnership and collaboration with the Cabinet's Division of Mine Safety and the Mine Safety and Health Administration, have helped to prioritize the well-being and safety of our miners.

The Cabinet acknowledges and appreciates the tireless work, training, and resources invested by each and every individual and corporate partner in the coal industry. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and this unprecedented safety record could not have been achieved without your support.

The Cabinet remains dedicated to continuing an exceptional safety record and to continuously improving the Division of Mine Safety's contribution to safety standards. We value our partnership with the coal industry and are committed to working collaboratively to create an even safer environment for all miners.

Once again, thank you for your integral role in this remarkable achievement.

With Profound Appreciation,

Timothy L. Fugate, Division Director