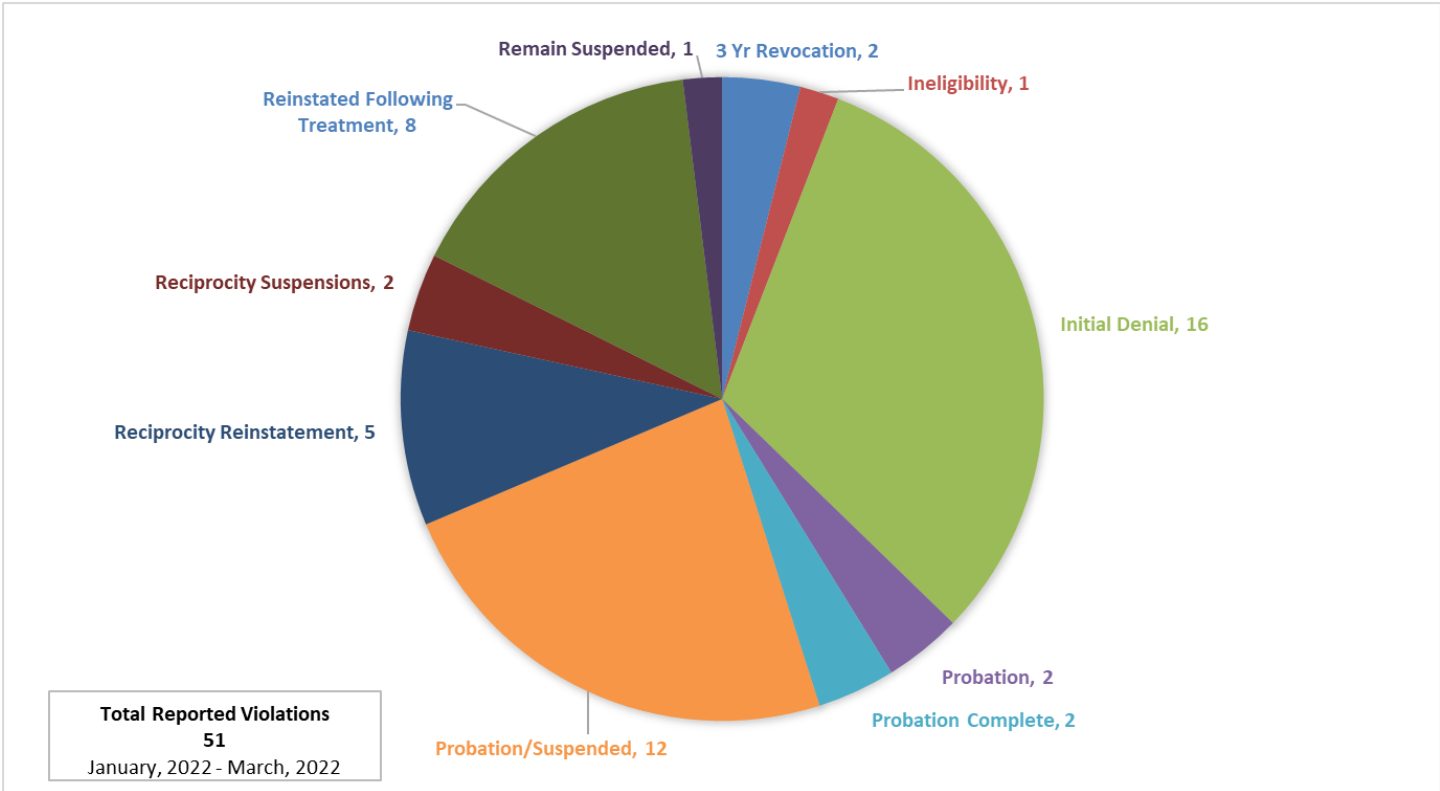




Drug Sanctions Pie Chart

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 George J. Miller**, 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 – 2022 Q1

FATALITY NO.1

On Tuesday January 11, 2022, a 32-year-old surface miner with 12 years of mining experience was fatally injured while working at a surface mine in Bell County.

The accident occurred while the victim was traveling along the access road on the mine site when a tree unexpectedly fell from an adjacent highwall. The fallen tree crossed the road as the motor vehicle (truck) operated by the miner (blaster) passed. The miner received fatal blunt force trauma type injuries as a result of the accident.



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Train all miners in highwall hazard recognition.
2. Report hazards observed immediately to a supervisor.
3. Preshift examinations shall be conducted on all work areas prior to the assigning of work.
4. Loose debris shall be removed from all highwalls prior to travel in these areas.

FATALITY NO.2

On Sunday March 20, 2022, a 33-year-old underground miner with 13 years of mining experience was fatally injured while working at an underground mine in the Harlan County.

The accident occurred while the victim was observing a co-worker in the process of removing a permanent stopping with a battery powered scoop. After a portion of the stopping was removed, a large section of the mine roof, measuring approximately 20 feet wide and 50 feet long and being 5 feet thick, collapsed resulting in fatal blunt force trauma type injuries.



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All miners shall be trained in highwall hazard recognition.
2. Observed hazards shall be reported immediately to a supervisor.
3. Preshift examinations shall be conducted on all work areas prior to the assigning of work.
4. Loose debris shall be removed.