

Division of Mine Safety

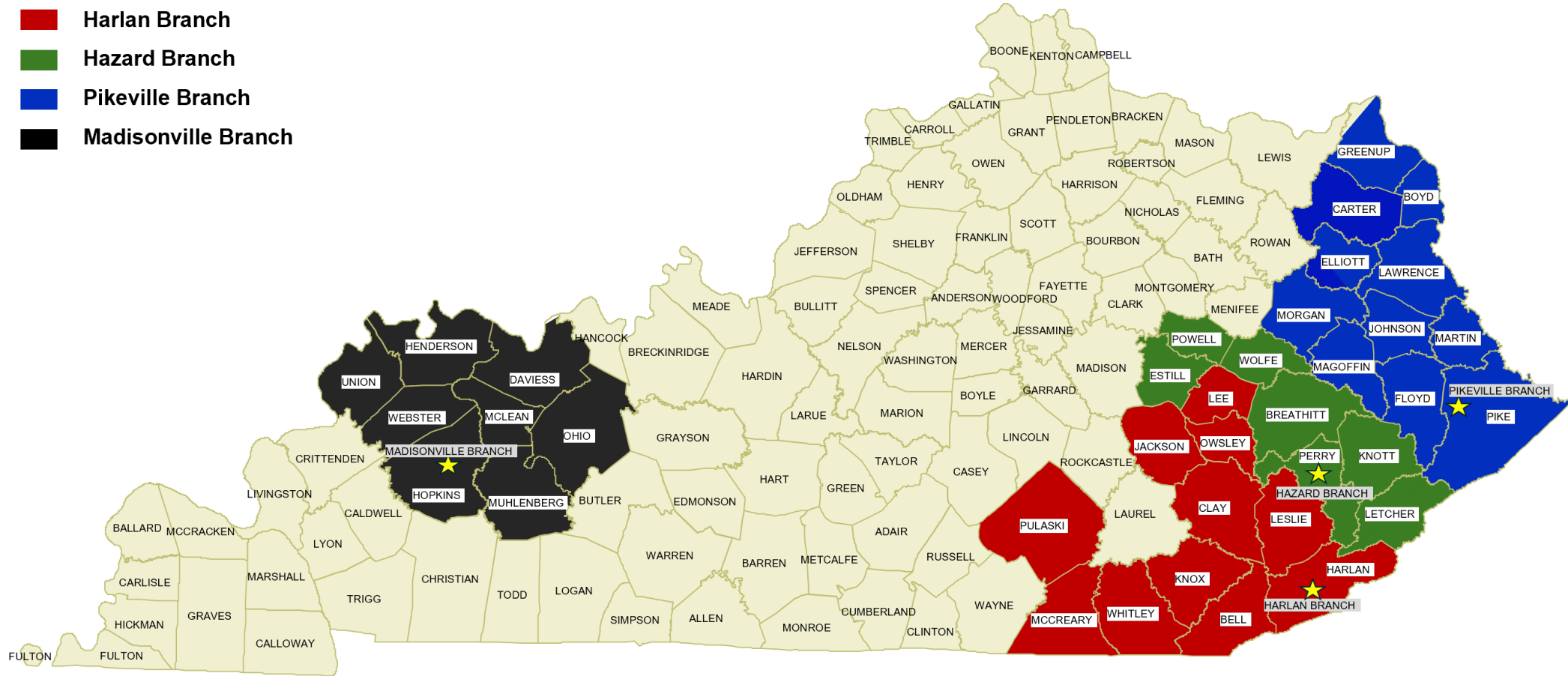
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Legend

- ★ Branch Offices
- Harlan Branch
- Hazard Branch
- Pikeville Branch
- Madisonville Branch

Branch Office Coverage Map



Current Staffing Level

Harlan Branch 11 MSS (Inspectors)
1 Branch Manager
1 Asst. Branch Manager

Hazard Branch 7 MSS (Inspectors)
1 Branch Manager
1 Asst. Branch Manager

Madisonville Br. 8 MSS (Inspectors)
1 Branch Manager
1 Asst. Branch Manager

Pikeville Branch 10* MSS (Active Inspectors)
1 Branch Manager
1 Asst. Branch Manager

*4 MSS on sick leave/workers' comp and are not expected to return to work

Frankfort 1 Division Director
1 Asst. Director
3 MSS specialists (Chief Electrician, Mine Rescue Coordinator and Training Coordinator)

Administrative Personnel - 8 in the branches, 3 in Frankfort

Duties

Inspections

- All underground licensed mines will have (6) regular inspections annually.
- Three (3) of these inspections can be mine safety analyses, and
- One (1) is required to be an electrical inspection.
- The division also conducts two (2) regular inspections at every surface mining operation each year.

Duties – Continued

Mine Rescue

- Federal law mandates a *six-member staff for each mine rescue team*, and that *two mine rescue teams* be available for underground mines.
- Mine rescue teams must be within an hour's drive of the mine.
- State law requires DMS to provide mine rescue coverage when no trained mine rescue team is available.
- The division provides mine rescue coverage to each underground mine located within their branch.

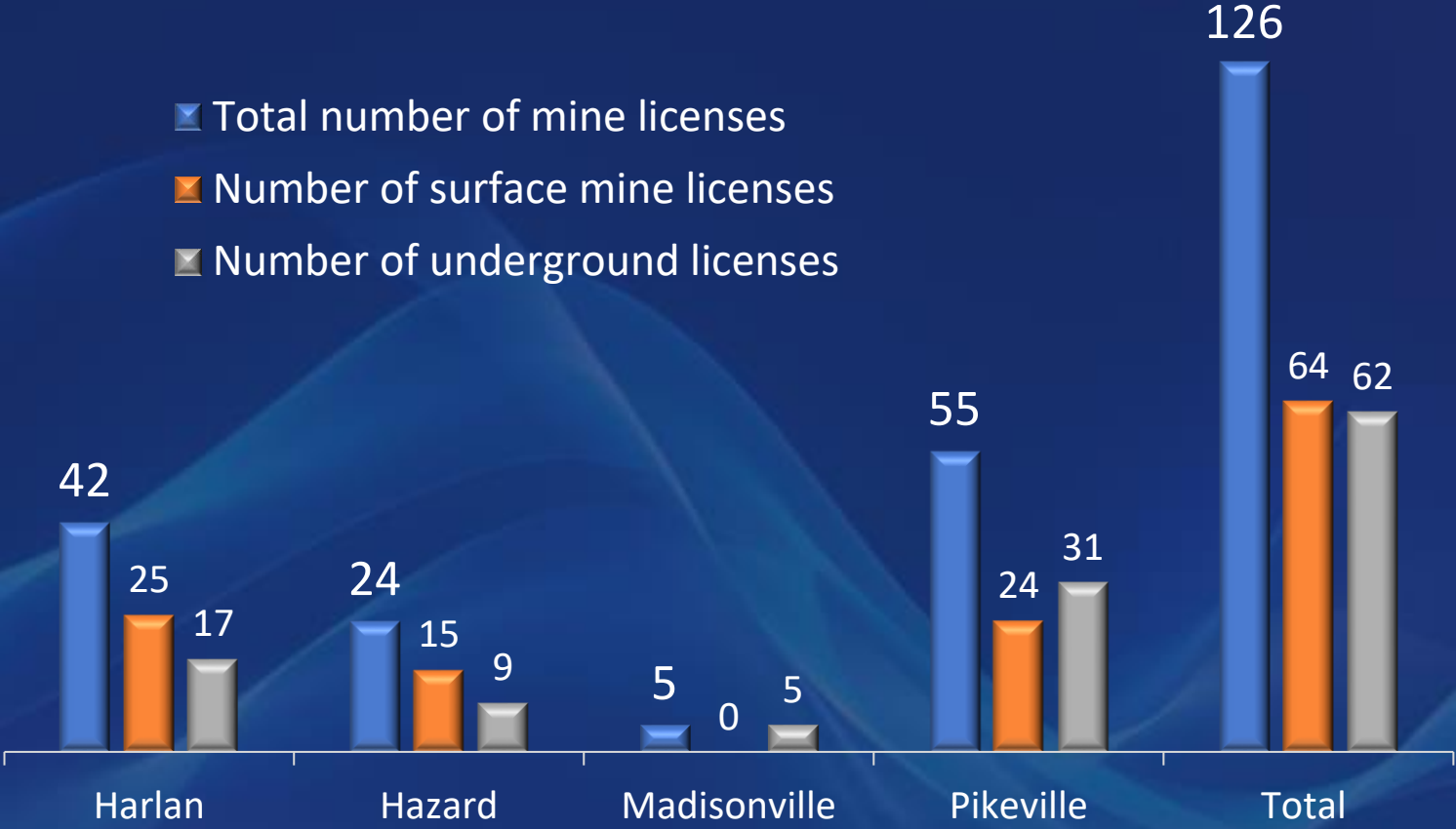
Duties – Continued

- **Roof Inspections** – the division currently conducts two (2) roof control plan evaluations per year.
- **Electrical Inspections** – the division currently conducts one (1) electrical inspections per year at each underground and surface highwall mining operation.

Duties – Continued

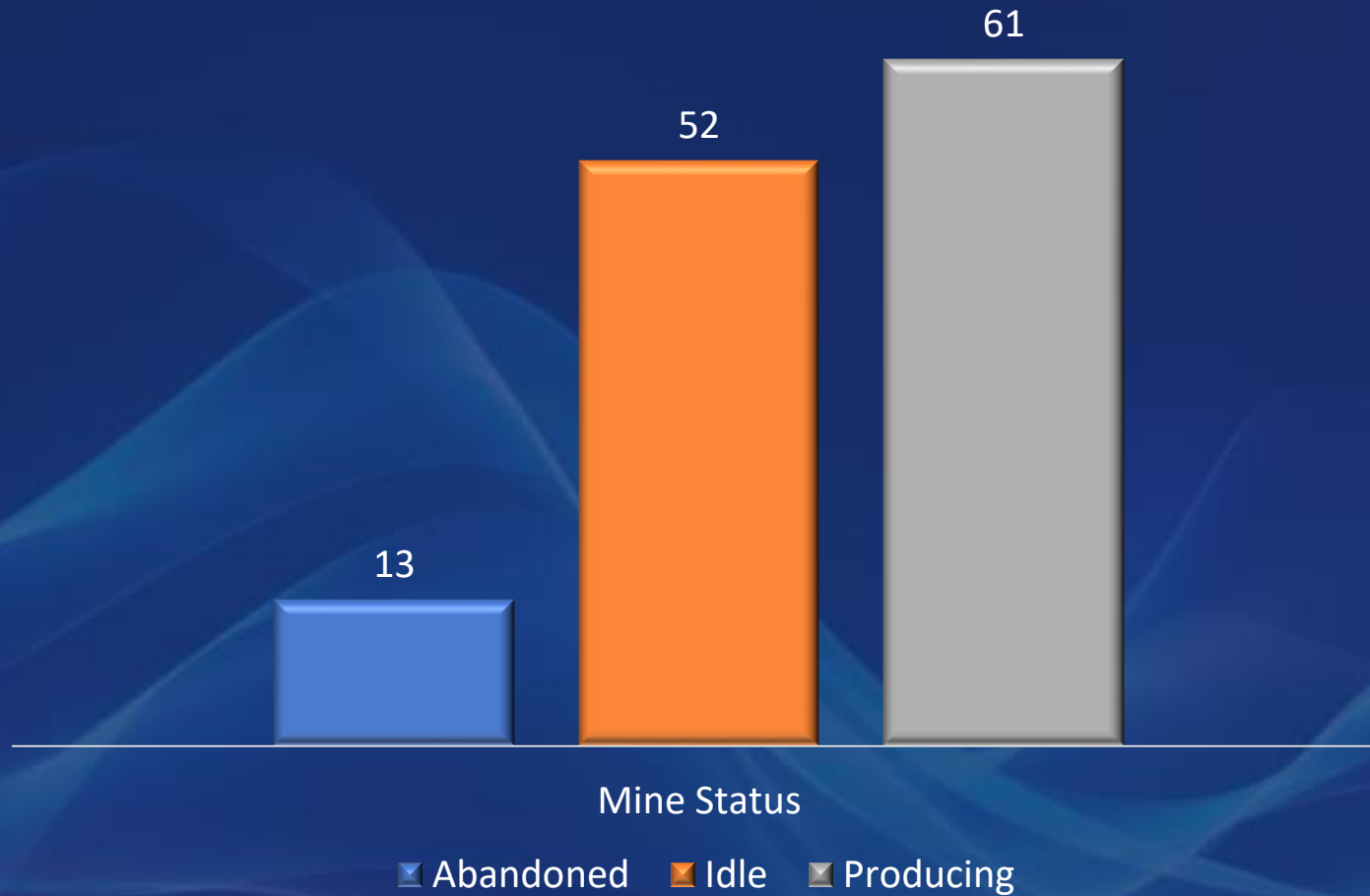
- **Mine training courses** – Each MSS regularly conducts training courses covering 17 subject areas, such as Underground Initial Training, Surface Foreman, etc. (See Notes for listing).
- **Certification Program** - Each MSS regularly conducts certification training in 18 areas. Ex. Shot firer, Mine Emergency Technician, Hoisting Engineer, etc.

2024 Mine Licenses by Location

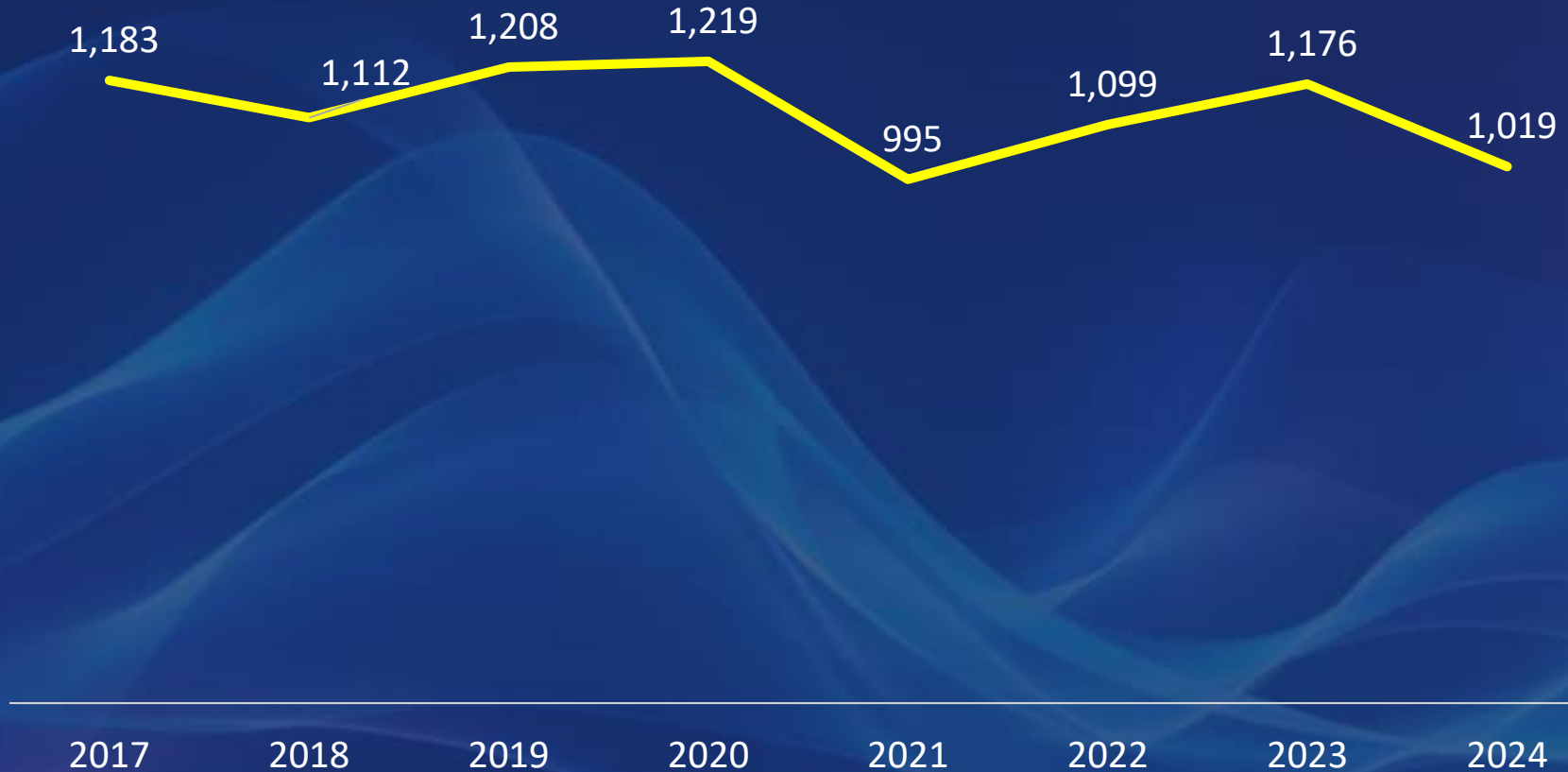


Note – Madisonville Branch has very few underground mines, but they are extremely large

2024 Licensed Mine Status



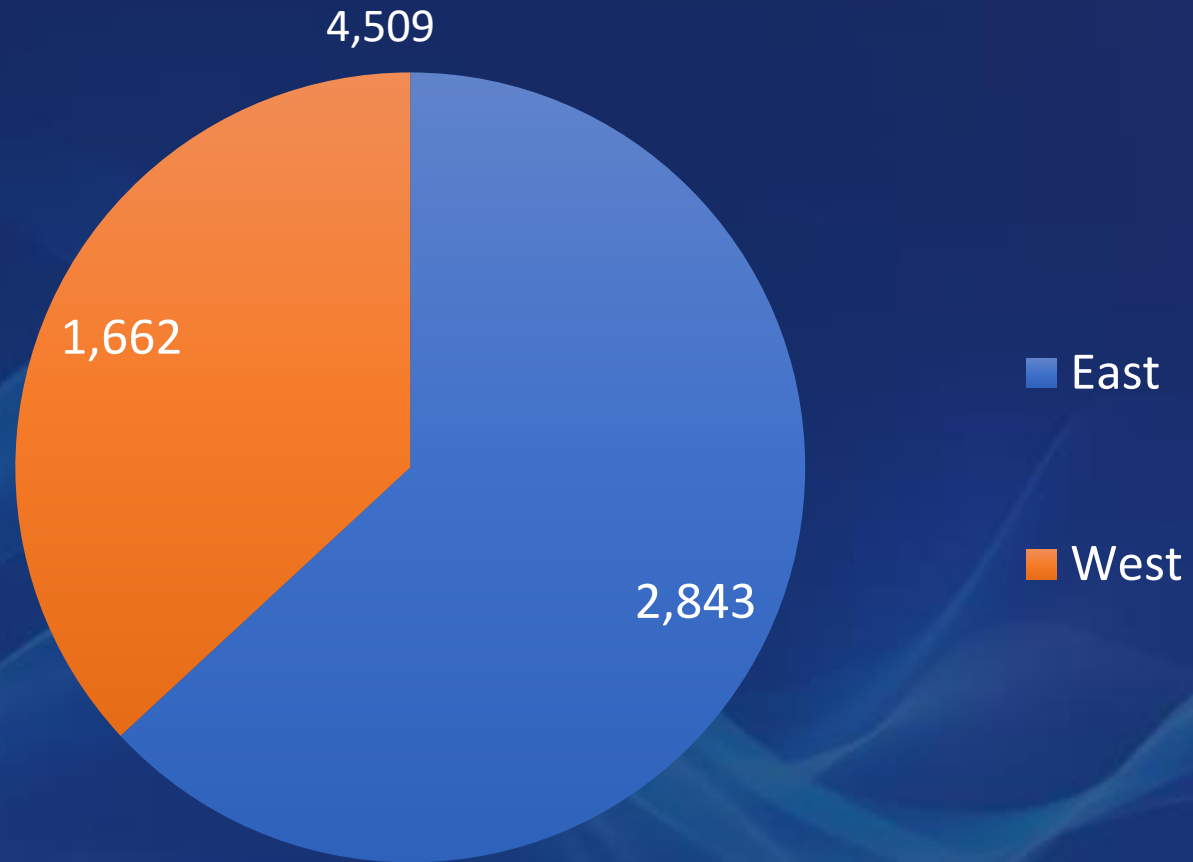
Inspections by Year



Kentucky Miners Employment by Quarter



2024 Average Employment



Fatalities Trend

2023 & 2024 First Calendar Years Ever Without A Fatality

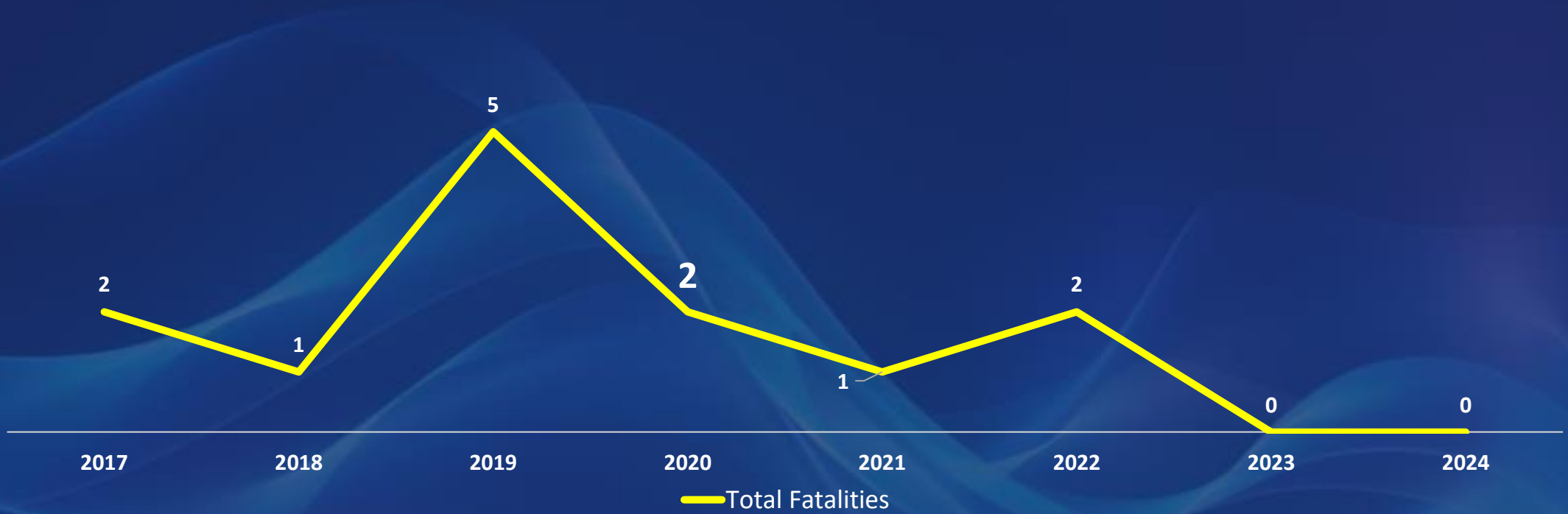




Photo taken of DMS training at military training site

Rescue Services Provided

16 – Underground Rock Quarries (Federally Mandated)

3- Highway Tunnels

3 – Subterranean Military Training Sites

DMS does not inspect these sites, so there are no ongoing costs for these services.

Questions?