



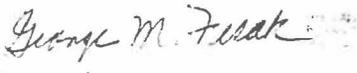
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2012-C-12-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: July 14, 2012

Date of Death: July 17, 2012

Operator: Peabody Powder River
Mining, LLC.

Mine: North Antelope Rochelle Mine

Contractor: Caterpillar Global Mining
Field Services, LLC.

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 61 year old contractor welder, had just completed welding on a dragline and was cleaning up when he was discovered lying on the floor. He complained of numbness on the left side of his body and he was speaking incoherently. He was air-lifted to a regional hospital where he was pronounced dead three days later.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the immediate cause of death was stroke, bilateral hemispheric with embolic stroke listed as another significant condition. The MSHA investigation did not identify any environmental or physical hazards that may have contributed to the death.

Based on the death certificate and the results of MSHA's investigation, the committee members concluded that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry.

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