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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2010-C-30

Deceased:

Date of Incident: August 19, 2010

Date of Death: August 19, 2010

Operator: Peabody Midwest Mining,
LLC.

Mine: Somerville Central Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of _____ should not be charged to the mining industry. The deceased, a 52 year old equipment operator, drove a grader to the parking area for equipment maintenance. He obtained a wrench and returned to the grader to repair the right side door panel. A co-worker found him minutes later slumped over in the cab. Co-workers initiated CPR until the Emergency Medical Service team arrived. Efforts to resuscitate _____ failed and a coroner pronounced him dead at the scene.

The MSHA investigation found no mining related hazards or environmental factors that may have contributed to his death. No electrical lines, cables or electrical installations were found in the area. A gas detector check was taken in the cab with a negative result. Both the death certificate and the autopsy report indicated that the death was due to a cardiac arrhythmia secondary to an acute myocardial infarction due to severe coronary arteriosclerosis. The autopsy report indicated that the manner of death was natural.

Based on an examination of the death certificate, the results of the autopsy and the MSHA investigation outcome, the committee members concluded that _____ died from natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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