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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-C-12 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 16, 2011

Date of Death: May 16, 2011

Operator: Prichard Mining Co., Inc.

Mine: Fourmile Fork Mine

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 56 year old mechanic, collapsed while looking for a part in a parts trailer. The deceased had complained of chest pains prior to work but said the pains went away so he began work. He was discovered shortly after by a coworker who initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Shortly after the emergency response personnel were summoned, he was pronounced dead.

The certificate of death lists the immediate cause of death as probable atherosclerotic heart disease. The manner of death was described as natural causes. An MSHA investigation did not find any physical or environmental hazards.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and MSHA's investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died from natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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