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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-C-16 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: June 09, 2011

Date of Death: June 09, 2011

Operator: Dominion Coal
Corporation

Mine: Dominion No. 7 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 52 year old chief electrician, was called at home to return to the mine to troubleshoot an electrical problem with a continuous mining machine. When he arrived at the property, the machine had already been repaired. He advanced the cable for the feeder system with a co-worker and then traveled alone in a three-wheeled personnel carrier from the No. 4 to the No. 5 mine entry. He was discovered by co-workers on the mine floor complaining of chest pain and shortness of breath.

[REDACTED] lost consciousness as he was being transported to a local hospital and was pronounced dead upon arrival.

The death certificate indicated that the death was due to acute myocardial infarction secondary to atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. An MSHA investigation found no problems with either the electrical cables in the area or the section power center. The inspection 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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