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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-20

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: June 28, 2011

Date of Death: June 28, 2011

Operator: Proppant Specialists

Mine: Voca 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. \_\_\_\_\_, a 56 year old dryer operator, was seen performing his rounds around the plant around 8:00 p.m. and was found unresponsive by a co-worker in a chair at the dryer plant at 9:30 p.m.

Co-workers administered CPR and contacted emergency medical services. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly after. The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was sudden cardiac death due to ischemic heart disease and arteriosclerosis. No autopsy was performed. An MSHA inspection failed to identify any environmental or physical hazards.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and MSHA's investigation, 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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