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SUBJECT:

Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-36

Deceased:

Date of Incident: June 11, 2011

Date of Death: June 11, 2011

Operator: Martin Marietta Materials

Mine: Hicone Quarry

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 24 year old trespasser, entered the mine site and committed suicide with a handgun. The mine property was leased from the deceased's family and he entered the site through a back gate provided for the landowner to enter for hunting purposes. The quarry was a non-producing operation and no employees were working at the mine. The body was discovered by a family member.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was suicide and that it was due to a gunshot wound to the head. An autopsy was not performed. The MSHA investigation found that was not employed at the mine and was not employed by the mine operator.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the results of MSHA's investigation, the committee members concluded that the deceased was not performing mine-related work nor was the death due to mining activities or equipment. The members of the committee determined that death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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