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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2012-M-09  Deceased: 

Date of Incident: June 11, 2012 Date of Death: June 11, 2012

Operator: Red Bluff Sand & Gravel, Mine: Red Bluff Pit
LLC.

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 57 year old customer truck driver, picked up a load of sand and then traveled a short distance down a mine haul road when his vehicle came to a stop against the berm. A co-worker found him without a pulse and slumped against the steering wheel. He was removed from his truck and CPR was begun. Emergency medical personnel arrived at the scene and transported him to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the immediate cause of death was asystole, due to sudden cardiac arrest and respiratory failure. The MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

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

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