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MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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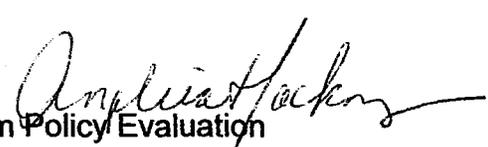
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2012-M-27-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: August 29, 2012

Date of Death: August 29, 2012

Operator: Hanson Material Service

Mine: Thornton Quarry

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 31 year old trespasser, was found in his car by a mine contractor. The deceased had apparently driven his vehicle through the mine's fence, up a berm and down 150 feet to the quarry floor.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was suicide and that the cause of death was multiple injuries due to an automobile falling from height into a quarry. An autopsy was not performed. [REDACTED] had no association with the mining operation and was not authorized to be on the mine site.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] was a mine trespasser and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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