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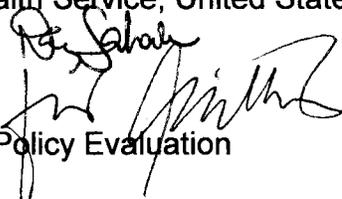
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

**Case No.:** 2013-M-51-

**Deceased:** 

**Date of Incident:** April 20, 2013

**Date of Death:** April 20, 2013

**Operator:** Solvay Chemicals, Inc.

**Mine:** Solvay Chemicals, Inc.

**Contractor:** Western Industrial  
Contractors

**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 55 year old contractor, boiler maker, was working as a confined space attendant when he collapsed to the ground. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and the autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was complications of severe atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. The toxicology screen was negative. MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that ██████ died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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