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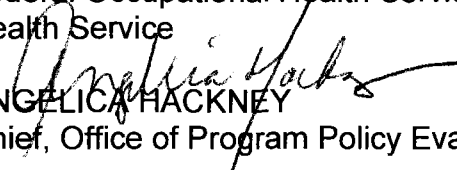
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-M-11-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: January 22, 2013

Date of Death: January 22, 2013

Operator: Pattison Sand Company,  
LLC.

Mine: Pattison Sand Company, LLC.

Contractor: Bausch Trucking, 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 62 year old contract truck driver, was hooking up a trailer in cold weather when he indicated to co-workers that he was not feeling well. He was told to warm up in his truck cab. He was found unresponsive and pulseless lying on the ground near his truck several minutes later. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the death was due to a cardiac arrest secondary to acute coronary syndrome and coronary artery disease. An autopsy was not performed. [REDACTED] had undergone triple bypass surgery some seven years earlier. MSHA's investigation found no physical or environmental hazards at the scene.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and 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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