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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-M-15 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: April 18, 2013

Date of Death: April 24, 2013

Operator: Pounding Mill Quarry
Corp.

Mine: Rocky Gap Plant

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 68 year old scale clerk, was working at his desk when he complained of a headache and not feeling well. Several minutes later a co-worker noticed that the deceased had slurred speech and was slumping in his chair. It was also noted that he had paralysis of his left arm and drooping of his mouth. Rescue squad personnel determined that his blood sugar level was 237. The signs of a stroke were detected. He was transported to a local hospital where he died six days later

The death certificate indicated that the cause of death was an acute cerebral herniation secondary to an acute right middle cerebral artery stroke with an underlying acute myocardial infarction. An autopsy was not performed. 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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