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SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2013-C-60

Deceased:

Date of Incident: October 20, 2013

Date of Death: October 20, 2013

**Operator:** Antelope Coal, LLC

Mine: Antelope Mine

**Decision:** Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of should not be charged to the mining industry.

a 52 year old plant operator, was found unresponsive on the floor of the control room. Co-workers began CPR and emergency response personnel were called to the mine site. He was declared dead at the scene.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction due to coronary artery disease. The toxicology screen was negative. An autopsy was not performed. MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental causes that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate 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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