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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2013-M-59-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: October 07, 2013

Date of Death: October 07, 2013

Operator: Webco Mining, Inc.

Mine: Tucker Bluff Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED] a 67 year old haul truck driver, had hauled 5 or 6 loads of material to a stockpile at the mine when he failed to respond to radio communications. His truck was found at an angle against the highwall on the side of the haul road. He was found unresponsive in his truck by co-workers who initiated CPR. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was a probable myocardial infarction secondary to coronary artery disease. An autopsy was not performed. The deceased had a history of coronary artery disease. The MSHA investigation did not identify any environmental or physical factors that could have contributed to the death.

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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