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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-38-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: November 06,
2014

Date of Death: November 10, 2014

Operator: U S Silica Company

Mine: Mill Creek Plant #39

Decision: Not chargeable

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

Mr. [REDACTED] a 63 year old customer truck driver, was pulling his truck up to the load out scales when he veered off to the north side of the approach and the truck spun out. He was found unresponsive and without a pulse slumped over the steering wheel. Co-workers administered CPR and he was transported to a local hospital. He was transferred to another hospital and was pronounced dead several days after the incident when he was removed from life support.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. An autopsy was not performed. Mr. [REDACTED] had a history of cardiac disease.

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

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