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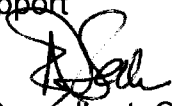
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

**Case No.:** 2014-M-42-

**Deceased:** 

**Date of Incident:** September 28,  
2014

**Date of Death:** September 28, 2014

**Operator:** Northshore Mining  
Company

**Mine:** Northshore Mining Company

**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 60 year old shovel operator, was loading a truck when other employees noticed that the shovel had come to a stop. He failed to answer calls from co-workers and was he found unconscious and without a pulse in the operator's seat. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the death was due to severe coronary artery atherosclerosis. The MSHA investigation did not identify any contributory environmental or physical hazards.

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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