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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-47 

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: November 10,
2014

Date of Death: November 10, 2014

Operator: Capital Sand Company,
Inc.

Mine: Dredge #6025 (Sandy)

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 57 year old dredge operator, completed his shift and was walking to his vehicle with his personal belongings when he was found on the ground gasping for air. Local emergency response personnel began CPR but he was declared dead at the scene.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was cardiac dysrhythmia due to a myocardial infarction. MSHA's investigation did not identify any hazards 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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