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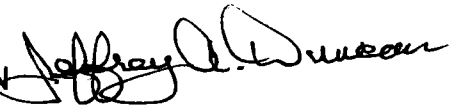
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-50-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: June 03, 2014

Date of Death: June 03, 2014

Operator: Hanson Material Service

Mine: Thornton Quarry

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] age 31, was trespassing on mine property when he drove his car through a locked gate, down a ramp and onto a berm where it became stuck. He then walked away from his vehicle and jumped from a highwall, landing 40 to 50 feet below.

The death certificate indicates that the manner of death was suicide. Both the death certificate and post mortem examination indicate that the cause of death was blunt force injuries due to a jump from height. The toxicology screen was negative.

Based on these findings, the committee concluded that [REDACTED] was a trespasser on mine property and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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