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SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-60-

Deceased:

Date of Incident: September 03,

Date of Death: September 03, 2014

2014

Operator: Vulcan Construction

Materials, L.P.

Mine: Stafford Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

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

a 26-year old equipment operator, was discovered unresponsive in a welding truck. He was transported by emergency medical personnel to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicates that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and autopsy report find that his death was due to coronary artery atherosclerosis. The autopsy report also noted that the coronary artery atherosclerosis was severe and that the deceased had sustained a myocardial infarction. The toxicology screen was negative. MSHA's investigation failed to identify any environmental or physical factors that could have contributed to

Based on these findings, the committee concludes that **Exercise**'s death was due to natural causes and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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