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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-62-
[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: December 30,
2014

Date of Death: December 30, 2014

Operator: McGeorge Contracting Inc. **Mine:** Granite Mountain Quarry #1

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 69-year old trespasser, was found at the bottom of the mine high wall that was approximately 80 feet tall. Her car had been found earlier at the location with the engine still running.

The death certificate listed the manner of death as suicide, with the immediate cause being multiple blunt force injuries resulting from a fall from height. An autopsy was not performed. The deceased was known to have had a history of depression. The MSHA investigation found that [REDACTED] was not employed as a miner or as a contractor at the mine site.

Based on these findings, the committee concludes that [REDACTED] was trespassing on mine property and that her death was a suicide. Therefore, [REDACTED] death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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