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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

**Case No.:** 2015-M-06-

**Deceased:** 

**Date of Incident:** February 02, 2015

**Date of Death:** February 02, 2015

**Operator:** Low's Ready Mix, Inc.

**Mine:** Star Pit

**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. Mr. [REDACTED], a 57-year-old mechanic, was asked to assist with the repair of a conveyor belt. As he walked over to the service truck to gather his tools he collapsed to the ground. CPR was begun but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. The death certificate and autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was cardiac tamponade due to acute myocardial infarction due to coronary artery disease (acute thrombosis of the circumflex artery). MSHA's investigation did not find any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the death certificate and the autopsy report, the committee members concluded that Mr. [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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