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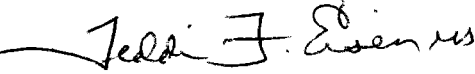
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

**Case No.:** 2015-M-17-

**Deceased:** 

**Date of Incident:** April 22, 2015

**Date of Death:** April 22, 2015

**Operator:** ILC Resources

**Mine:** Alden Plant

**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 59-year old dryer operator, was found unresponsive by a co-worker at the end of his scheduled shift. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The autopsy listed the cause of death as sudden cardiac death with severe atherosclerotic cardiac disease as a consequence of hypertension.

MSHA's investigation failed to identify any environmental or physical conditions that could have caused Mr. [REDACTED]'s death.

Based on these findings, the Committee concludes that Mr. [REDACTED]'s death was due to natural causes and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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