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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2015-M-20-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: June 05, 2015

Date of Death: June 09, 2015

Operator: Osborne Materials
Company

Mine: Drummond Dolomite 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. Mr. [REDACTED], a 52-year old maintenance worker, slipped and fell while carrying a bag of stone down an inclined catwalk. At the time, he got up and continued working.

Three days later, he filed an accident report claiming neck and back injuries. That same evening an ambulance was called to his home. Mr. [REDACTED] was transported to a local hospital, where he complained of leg and abdominal pain with some difficulty breathing. A moderate amount of gas was found in the right atrium of his heart and he was transported to a regional hospital. Upon arrival he was in extreme respiratory distress and he was declared dead the next morning.

The death certificate indicates that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was ischemic/hemorrhagic disease of adrenals, kidneys, heart and small bowel, secondary to disseminated intravascular coagulation, and bacterial sepsis (*Sphingomonas Paucimoblis*). The autopsy report indicates that the cause of death was bacterial sepsis, with multiple secondary medical complications.

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

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