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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2015-M-28-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: July 23, 2015

Date of Death: July 23, 2015

Operator: Kennecott Utah Copper,
LLC.

Mine: Copperton Concentrator

Contractor: Sure Steel, Inc.

Death Certificate Released: August
17, 2015

Autopsy Conducted: Yes (Not
Provided)

Decision: Not chargeable

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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 53-year old contractor laborer, was assigned to clean debris from an area of the mine's copper bulk floatation basement. He was taking a break when he was found lying face down on a travel way near the lime plant and grind building. He was unresponsive and was declared dead several hours later at a local hospital.

The death certificate, released on August 17, 2015, stated that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was complications of hypertensive cardiovascular disease and other significant conditions of emphysema and obesity.

MSHA's investigation, conducted between July 23, 2015 and August 31, 2015, did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on these findings, 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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