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MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD



Administrator for Metal and
Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health



FROM:

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Committee Chair
Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2016-M-08 	Deceased: 
Date of Incident: July 19, 2016	Date of Death: July 19, 2016
Operator: Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	Mine: Chapel Hill Quarry
Autopsy Conducted: Not Performed	Death Certificate Released: July 21, 2016
Decision: Not chargeable	

I have reviewed the investigative report in the death of  and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry. , a 50 year old primary crusher operator, arrived for his shift at the mine after having visited his doctor that morning for a reported acid reflux condition. He assisted another miner finishing work orders and conducting preventive maintenance checks at the secondary plant. At approximately 11:50am the deceased went to the primary plant and got everything started. He operated the primary plant until approximately 4:50pm but failed to return to the employee building at 5:00pm as he normally would. Another miner went to check on him and found him lying unresponsive on the floor of the primary control room.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of the death was natural and that the cause of death was cardiac arrest due to hyperlipidemia/high cholesterol, nicotine dependence, hypertension, chronic pain and GERD. MSHA's investigation did not identify any environmental or physical factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the death certificate and MSHA's investigation, I have determined that the death of [REDACTED] was not due to mine related work activities and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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