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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-09-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: April 28, 2016

Date of Death: April 28, 2016

Operator: Hempt Brothers Inc.

Mine: Steelton Quarry

Autopsy Conducted: Not performed

Death Certificate Released: May 06,
2016

Decision: Not chargeable

I have reviewed the investigative report in the death of [REDACTED] and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 75 year old equipment operator, arrived late for his shift. His co-workers indicated that he was pale and his movements were very unsteady when he entered the lunch room-staging area. After telling the other employees that he was feeling alright the deceased slumped against a stall divider in the locker room. His supervisor instructed him to go home until he felt better. [REDACTED] began walking to the employee parking area but fell against a parked car. Two employees were able to place him in the passenger seat of his personal vehicle but he then became unresponsive. Co-workers attempted to revive him and rescue squad personnel continued CPR. He was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was acute ischemic coronary event due to probable arrhythmia. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) was listed as a significant condition contributing to the death.

No autopsy was performed. MSHA's investigation report did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death. The report makes specific note that the deceased had not begun work on the day of his 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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