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Acting Administrator for Metal and

Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health

FROM: JEFFREY A. DUNCAN

Committee Chair

Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2016-M-18- Deceased:

Date of Incident: July 25, 2016 Date of Death: July 25, 2016

Operator: Laredo Paving Inc. Mine: Crusher LU130

Autopsy Conducted: July 26, 2016 Death Certificate Issued: November

03, 2016

**Autopsy (with toxicology report)** 

Signed: August 30, 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 second to the mining industry. A second to the mining industry, a 27 year old laborer, was unresponsive when discovered by a by co-worker in a portable latrine and died that same day.

An autopsy, which included a toxicology report, concluded that the cause of death was acute methamphetamine intoxication. The autopsy also listed hypertensive cardiovascular disease as a significant finding.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was accidental, and listed the immediate cause of death as acute methamphetamine intoxication. Hypertensive cardiovascular disease was listed as an underlying cause of death.

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

cc: Joseph A. Main Patricia W. Silvey Laura V. McClintock Larry J. Trainor