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SUBJECT:  
Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability  

Case No.: 2011-C-03-____   
Deceased: _____________  
Date of Incident: January 12, 2011  
Date of Death: January 12, 2011  
Operator: Knight Hawk Coal  
Mine: Prairie Eagle Mine  
Decision: Not chargeable  

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In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [Redacted] should not be charged to the mining industry. [Redacted] a 55 year old over-the-road truck driver, was waiting to be loaded at the mine when he was found slumped over the steering wheel by other truck drivers. Co-workers began CPR and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate and autopsy report indicated that the death was due to atherosclerotic cardiomegaly with evidence of chronic congestive heart failure and extensive old myocardial infarcts. The deceased had a history of a cardiac bypass graft and coronary artery stent and had an implanted cardioverter defibrillator. The MSHA investigation found no evidence of physical hazards or environmental factors which may have contributed to his death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report and MSHA’s investigation, the committee members concluded that [Redacted] died from natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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