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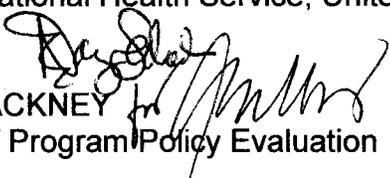
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-M-16-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: March 06, 2013

Date of Death: March 06, 2013

Operator: United States Steel Corp-
Minnesota Ore Operation

Mine: Minntac Plant

Contractor: Lakehead Constructors,
Inc.

Decision: Not chargeable

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 48 year old contract painter foreman, was assigned to construct a temporary enclosure at the mine site. He was speaking to a co-worker prior to beginning his assignment when he suddenly lost consciousness and collapsed to the floor. CPR was immediately performed by employees. [REDACTED] was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate and autopsy report both indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was severe mitral valve prolapse. The toxicology screen was negative.

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

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