

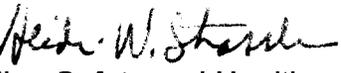


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MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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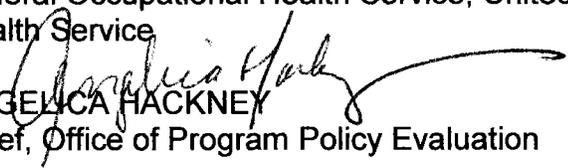
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-M-17-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: April 30, 2013

Date of Death: May 01, 2013

Operator: Asarco, LLC.

Mine: Hayden Concentrator

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 43 year old crusher operator, had performed his normal duties some 5 hours into his shift when he was discovered sitting unconscious on the steps outside of the crusher control room. Emergency medical response personnel were called and [REDACTED] was airlifted to a regional medical center. He was removed from life support the following day.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. The death certificate and autopsy report both indicated that the cause of death was a hypertensive stroke. The toxicology screen was negative. He had a known history of hypertensive cardiovascular disease. He was reported to have stopped taking his blood pressure medication in the weeks prior to his death.

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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