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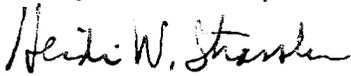


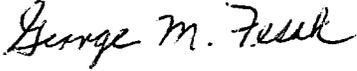
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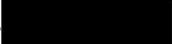
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-15-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: April 16, 2014

Date of Death: April 16, 2014

Operator: EOG Resources, Inc.

Mine: Hood County Sand Plant

Contractor: Stelter & Brinck, LTD

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry.

Mr. [REDACTED] a 49 year old contractor service technician, was at the mine to perform a semi-annual check on the dryer burners. While adjusting the burners, the deceased and mine maintenance employees went back to the office to review the records on previous adjustments to the burners. On reaching the office Mr. [REDACTED] complained that his chest was burning and he stated that he thought he was having a heart attack. He lost consciousness and collapsed to the floor. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An amendment to the certificate of death lists the manner of death as natural caused by atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Mr. [REDACTED] had a history of heart disease, including the placement of two coronary stents. An autopsy was not performed.

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

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