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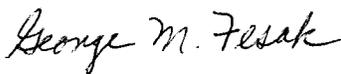
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MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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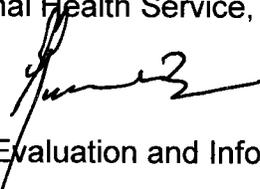
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-22-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: May 08, 2014

Date of Death: May 08, 2014

Operator: Johnson Aggregate
Materials, Inc.

Mine: Swindle Lease

Decision: Not chargeable

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

██████████ a 54 year old utility man, was assigned to assist a trackhoe operator with the removal of dredge line pipe. The deceased attached a chain to the pipe and he indicated that he felt dizzy and fell to the ground. The co-worker performed CPR and emergency response personnel were called to the site. ██████████ was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and the autopsy report indicated that the death was due to hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and that left ventricular hypertrophy was present. The toxicology screen was negative. MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

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

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