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SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-28- [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 14, 2014

Date of Death: May 14, 2014

Operator: Nome Gold Alaska
Corporation

Mine: Maine Monroeville

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 59 year old equipment operator, was loading tires into a flatbed trailer with two other employees when one of them noticed that he was moving slowly. The miners got into the pickup truck that was pulling the trailer and ██████████ started having trouble breathing. He became unresponsive and co-workers drove him to the hospital. Resuscitation efforts were not successful and he was pronounced dead approximately one hour later.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was cardiac arrest. An autopsy was not performed. The toxicology screen was negative. The MSHA inspection of the work site failed to identify any contributory physical or environmental hazards.

Based on the findings of death certificate 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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