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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: M-2007-72 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 03/28/2007

Date of Death: 03/28/2007

Operator: Freeport-McMoRan  
Copper & Gold Inc.

Mine: Freeport-McMoRan Morenci  
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. According to MSHA's investigation, [REDACTED] was a mine employee who was attending the morning safety

meeting at the beginning of his shift. Another employee noticed that he was unresponsive. Members of the mine Emergency Rescue Response Team administered CPR and [REDACTED] was transported to the Gila Health Resources Clinic where he was pronounced dead. The autopsy report indicates that the cause of death was atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and the manner of death was natural.

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

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