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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: M-2007-54 [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: August 15, 2007

Date of Death: August 15, 2007

Operator: Lyons Salt Company

Mine: Lyons Salt Company

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. MSHA's investigation revealed that [REDACTED] was a 52-year-old customer truck driver who had just picked up a load of salt at the Lyons Salt Company mine. A mine employee

found [REDACTED] non-responsive in his truck after he did not respond to radio messages to proceed to the scale house after being loaded. The Autopsy Report indicates the cause of [REDACTED] death was "acute myocardial infarction" and manner of death: was "natural." The Autopsy Report indicates that a test for carbon monoxide was conducted and the results were in the range considered to be negative. 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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