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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: M-2008-15 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 19, 2008

Date of Death: May 19, 2008

Operator: Atlas Quarries

Mine: Atlas Qu Pt Crusher #1

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], age 71, had been employed by Atlas Quarries as a scale house operator. He was found unresponsive in a chair located in the scale house by a co-worker. The death certificate indicates that the immediate cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction and that the underlying causes were diabetes and hypertension. A report produced by the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory found no indication of trauma and concluded that the cause of death was natural. Based on the death certificate 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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