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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: C-2008-44 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: October 6, 2008

Date of Death: October 6, 2008

Operator: AMFIRE Mining Company Mine: Nolo Mine

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] worked as a shuttle car operator at the Nolo Mine. He complained of chest pain when changing into his work clothes above ground as well as while traveling to the working section. During the shift, the trailing cable for [REDACTED] shuttle car was crushed between the shuttle car frame and the mine floor, causing the circuit breaker in a distribution box to trip. This required [REDACTED] to walk 160 feet to and from the distribution box at a grade of 13 percent. After returning to his shuttle car he collapsed. CPR was begun immediately and [REDACTED] was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Extensive testing by MSHA investigators did not reveal any electrical hazards that could have caused or contributed to [REDACTED] death. The Autopsy Report indicates that the cause of death was occlusive atherosclerotic coronary artery disease. The Certificate of Death indicates that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction secondary to severe multi-vessel coronary artery disease.

Based on the Autopsy Report, Certificate of Death, 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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