



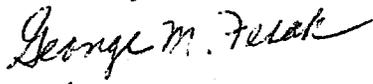
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2010-C-46-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: July 28, 2010

Date of Death: July 28, 2010

Operator: National Coal of Alabama,
Inc.

Mine: Poplar Springs

Contractor: Blanton Trucking, LLC.

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. [REDACTED], a 58 year old contract truck driver, was found unresponsive in the sleeping compartment of his truck cab by his son who was travelling with him. He had been sleeping in the truck cab in the early morning hours while he was waiting in line for his truck to be loaded.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was a cardiac arrest. An autopsy was not performed. He had recently been treated for chest pain that was thought to be due to acid reflux. The MSHA investigation failed to identify any contributory environmental or physical hazards.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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