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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-C-01 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: January 16, 2013

Date of Death: January 16, 2013

Operator: Consolidation Coal
Company

Mine: Buchanan No. 1 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. [REDACTED], a 56 year old belt foreman, was working the evening shift and experienced shortness of breath. He was examined underground by an EMT and oxygen was administered. While being transported out of the mine to go to the hospital, he lost consciousness. CPR was begun when he reached the surface. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction. According to co-workers, [REDACTED] was ill on the day he died and spent most of his shift on the man bus. The MSHA investigation did not identify any environmental or physical hazards which may have contributed to the death.

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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