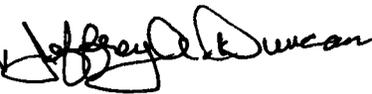


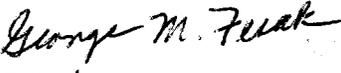


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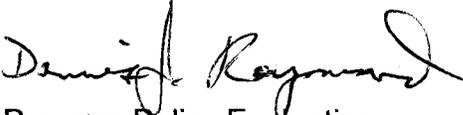
MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2012-M-20-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: September 09, 2012

Date of Death: September 10, 2012

Operator: Unimin Corp

Mine: Unimin Corp

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 59 year old pit operator, found the sand system at the plant plugged up when he arrived for his shift. He called maintenance to clear it. After the system was unclogged, he moved his personal vehicle to the scale area so that he could monitor the system. He was found unresponsive in his truck by co-workers and emergency response personnel were called. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was a cardiac arrest secondary to coronary artery disease and uncontrolled diabetes mellitus. An autopsy was not performed.

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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