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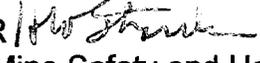


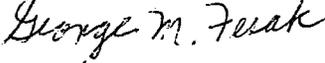
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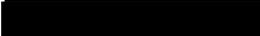
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2012-M-29-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: October 25, 2012

Date of Death: October 25, 2012

Operator: Staunton Lime Company

Mine: Staunton Lime Company

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 70 year old plant operator, was discovered by a foreman inside the feed hopper of the impact rock crusher. The foreman found the deceased when he came to find out why the plant was not operating. [REDACTED] was unresponsive and without a pulse. Emergency personnel were summoned, but he was declared dead at the scene.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. The MSHA investigation found that [REDACTED] was likely attempting to clear a jam when he suffered a heart attack.

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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