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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-C-13 Deceased:

Date of Incident: February 19, 2013 Date of Death: February 19, 2013

Operator: Tams Management, Inc. Mine: Tams No. 1 Surface Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of should not be charged to the mining industry. It is a 56 year old grader operator, was found unconscious and unresponsive in a parked grader. He had been assigned to operate the grader and had not complained of any health problems before or during his shift. CPR was administered and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Both the death certificate and autopsy report indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was sudden death due to ischemic heart disease. No physical or environmental hazards were identified during the investigation.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report and the MSHA Investigation, the committee members concluded that died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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