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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-C-43-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: December 12,  
2013

Date of Death: December 12, 2013

Operator: Remington, LLC.

Mine: Winchester 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 60 year old section foreman, was participating in an emergency intake escapeway drill when he fell to the mine floor. Co-workers administered CPR and he was transported to the surface. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The death certificate and autopsy report both found that the manner of death was natural and that the immediate cause was sudden death due to atherosclerotic coronary artery disease and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. The toxicology screen was negative for drugs and alcohol. MSHA's investigation did not identify any environmental or physical hazards that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report 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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