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SUBJECT:

Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2014-C-02

Deceased:

Date of Incident: January 08, 2014

Date of Death: January 08, 2014

Operator: Lone Mountain

Mine: Huff Creek No. 1 Mine

Processing, Inc.

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimou	is decision, the Fata	ality Review Comm	nittee has detern	nined that the death
of	should no	t be charged to th	e mining industry	/. a 42
year old roof b	oolter operator, com	plained of tightnes	ss in his chest be	efore entering the
mine to begin	his shift. He was p	erforming routine	duties undergrou	ınd when he
reported that I	ne was feeling ill. C	In the way to surfa	ace, cl	utched his chest and
lost conscious	ness. He was trans	sported to a local	hospital where h	e was pronounced
dead.				

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was acute cardiac dysrhythmia secondary to occlusive coronary artery disease. An autopsy was not performed. 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 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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