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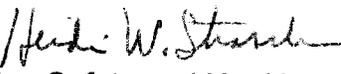


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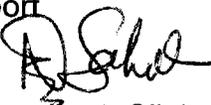
MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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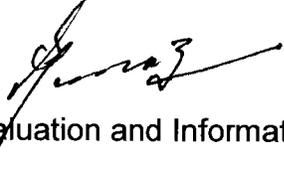
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2013-M-58-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: December 03,
2013

Date of Death: December 03, 2013

Operator: Stillwater Mining Company Mine: Stillwater Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 45 year old sand filler, cut a 3-inch PVC pipe and relocated and secured the sand line. He failed to call the sand plant operator to begin the pour. He was found unresponsive on the ground by his supervisor. CPR was administered and he was transported to the surface. He was declared dead at the mine site.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was hypertensive cardiovascular disease. His heart was enlarged which placed him at increased risk of sudden cardiac death. A toxicology screen was not performed. MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental factors that would 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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