

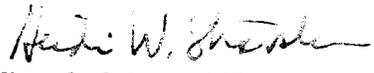


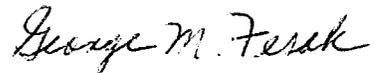
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-16-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: June 01, 2014

Date of Death: June 03, 2014

Operator: Gilbert Development
Corporation

Mine: Comstock/Mountain Lion

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. Mr. [REDACTED] a 42 year old welder, was performing routine pre-shift activities when he complained of chest pains. He was transported to a local emergency room, and then transferred to two other hospitals, before he was pronounced dead two days later.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was congestive heart failure due to infective endocarditis and aortic valve disease. He had a history of two prior heart attacks and aortic valve replacement surgery for endocarditis.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that Mr. [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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