

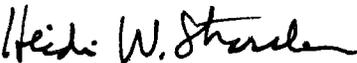


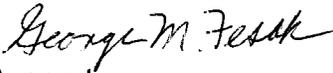
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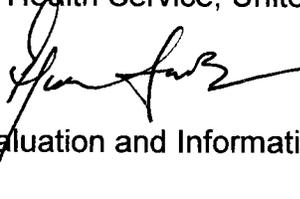
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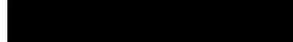
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-19-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: February 03, 2014

Date of Death: February 03, 2014

Operator: Nestle Purina Pet Care

Mine: Bloomfield Plant

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 [REDACTED] year old maintenance technician, performed checks on screens and conveyors during an extended shift. He returned to the maintenance office and sat down in an office chair. He suddenly became unresponsive while talking to co-workers. CPR was initiated by co-workers and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly after.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was hypertensive cardiovascular disease with congestive heart failure and cardiopulmonary failure. An autopsy was not performed. MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate 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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