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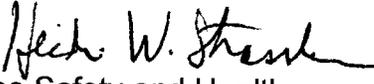


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MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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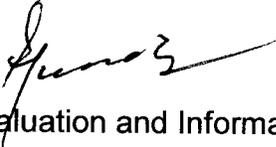
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-27-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: April 18, 2014

Date of Death: April 21, 2014

Operator: Nordberg Crushing, Inc.

Mine: Portable Operation

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 61 year old utility operator, was preparing a portable crushing unit for transportation to a construction site when he was found by a co-worker unresponsive on the ground. CPR was performed and he was transported to a local hospital. Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead three days later.

The death certificate indicated that the cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest due to an acute myocardial infarction and coronary artery disease. An autopsy was not performed. The MSHA investigation failed to identify any contributory hazards.

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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