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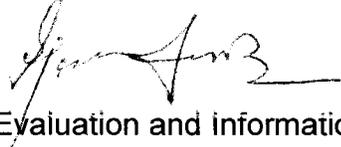
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-33-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: March 14, 2014

Date of Death: March 14, 2014

Operator: Johnson Sand & Gravel
Incorporated

Mine: Portable #1

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of ██████████ should not be charged to the mining industry. ██████████ a 49 year old loader operator, was found unconscious near his personal vehicle. He apparently collapsed as he was beginning his shift. CPR was performed and ██████████ was transported to a local hospital. He was pronounced dead shortly after.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and the autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease (sudden cardiac death). The toxicology screen was negative.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report, 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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