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SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-37- [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: September 20,
2014

Date of Death: September 20, 2014

Operator: Granite Construction Co.

Mine: Felton Quarry

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], age 22, was trespassing on mine property and found 205 feet below the pit highwall crest. It is believed that he jumped to his death.

Both the death certificate and autopsy report indicated that the manner of death was suicide and that the cause of death was multiple blunt force injuries. The toxicology screen detected benzodiazepine and lamictal (both prescribed medications), cannabinoid, amphetamine, and ethanol. The MSHA investigation confirmed that [REDACTED] was not employed at the mine.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report, and the MSHA Investigation the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] did not die due to mine related activities or equipment and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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