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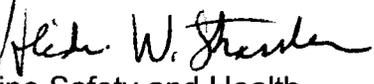
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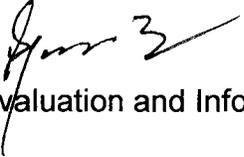
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-40-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: May 13, 2014

Date of Death: May 13, 2014

Operator: U S Silica Company

Mine: Sparta, WI Plant

Contractor: Premier Cooperative
Fuels

Decision: Not chargeable

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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 58 year old contractor fuel delivery driver, was pumping out a liquid propane gas tank with a co-worker when he collapsed. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

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 hypertensive and atherosclerotic heart disease. He had a history of atrial fibrillation and hypertension. 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 Mr. [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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