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SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-46

Deceased:

Date of Incident: December 12,
2014

Date of Death: December 12, 2014

Operator: R J Valente Gravel

Mine: R J Valente Grafton 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] a 53 year old mechanic, completed repairs on a front-end loader and was waiting in his work truck for the next front-end loader to repair when he was found unresponsive. Co-workers administered CPR and he was transported him to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was cardiac arrest due to an acute myocardial infarction. An autopsy was not performed. MSHA's investigation did not identify any hazards 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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