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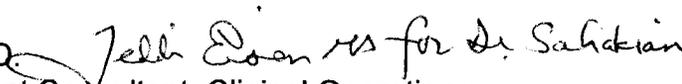
MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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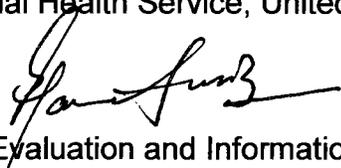
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-55-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: November 16,
2014

Date of Death: November 16, 2014

Operator: Nystar Gordonsville, LLC.

Mine: Cumberland Mine

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 49-year-old mine foreman, was found in the bathhouse by a co-worker. He was hanging from a rope tied to an overhead rafter and was declared dead at the scene.

The death certificate and autopsy report both indicate that the manner of death was suicide and that the cause of death was hanging. A toxicology screen was negative.

Based on the death certificate, the autopsy report, and the MSHA Investigation, committee members concluded that [REDACTED] committed suicide and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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