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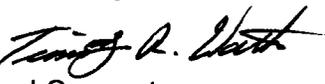
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2015-M-03-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: February 05, 2015

Date of Death: February 05, 2015

Operator: O-N Minerals
(Chemstone Company)

Mine: Strasburg 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 64-year old over the road truck driver, experienced severe abdominal pain while delivering a load of coal to the mine. He was transported to a local hospital where he died during emergency surgery.

The death certificate indicates that the cause of death was a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm. An autopsy was not performed.

Based on these findings, the committee concludes that [REDACTED]'s death was due to natural causes and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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