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MEMORANDUM FOR TIMOTHY WATKINS
Acting Administrator for
Coal Mine Safety and Health

FROM: JEFFREY A. DUNCAN 
Committee Chair
Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2016-C-16- [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: August 19, 2016

Date of Death: August 20, 2016

Operator: Oak Grove Resources LLC,

Mine: Oak Grove Mine
MSHA ID 01-00851

Autopsy Conducted: August 21, 2016

Death Certificate Issued: September,
14, 2016

Decision: Not chargeable

I have reviewed the investigative report in the death of [REDACTED] and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED] a 50 year old laborer, was assisting in repair of a broken shear jack on the day of the incident. He collapsed suddenly while walking the section track with other miners. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed by co-workers, and [REDACTED] was transported by ambulance to the hospital where he was pronounced dead early the next day.

Both the autopsy report and death certificate stated that the manner of death was natural, and that the cause of death was coronary artery atherosclerosis. The MSHA investigation did not reveal any environmental or physical conditions that contributed to the death.

Based on the autopsy, death certificate, and MSHA's investigation, I have determined that the death of [REDACTED] was not due to mine related work activities and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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