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MEMORANDUM FOR KEVIN G. STRICKLIN

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FROM:

JEFFREY A. DUNCAN

Committee Chair

Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2016-M-17 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: October 03, 2016

Date of Death: October 03, 2016

Operator: PCS Phosphate Company Inc.

Mine: Lee Creek Mine

Autopsy Conducted: Not performed

Death Certificate Received: October
26, 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 47 year old security guard, was discovered at the guard shack slumped over her desk. Emergency response personnel arrived on the scene and treated [REDACTED] prior to air transport to a medical center. However, she was pronounced dead at the medical center approximately two hours later.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural, and listed the immediate cause as Sudden Cardiac death. Secondary causes listed were cardiac arrhythmia, congestive heart failure, atherosclerosis, and hypertensive heart disease.

No autopsy was performed. MSHA's investigation report did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the 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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