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MEMORANDUM FOR: Marvin Lichtenfels

Deputy Administrator for Metal and Nonmetal
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FROM:

JEFFREY A. DUNCAN

Committee Chair

Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2016-M-27- [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: November 25, 2016

Date of Death: November 25, 2016

Operator: Barrick Turquoise Ridge Inc.

Mine: Turquoise Ridge
MSHA ID: 2602286

Autopsy Conducted: Yes

Death Certificate Issued: January 12,
2017

Decision: Not Chargeable

I reviewed the investigative report in the death of [REDACTED] and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 37-year-old Remix Operator, was found by a co-worker lying on the ground face down near his truck. Unable to find a pulse, the co-worker performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). A mine emergency response team arrived and transported [REDACTED] to the surface and continued CPR. Paramedics transported [REDACTED] to the hospital by ambulance, where he was declared dead by the attending emergency room physician.

Both the autopsy report and death certificate stated that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was coronary artery thrombosis due to atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. 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 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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