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MEMORANDUM FOR TIMOTHY WATKINS



Deputy 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.: 2017-C-04- 	Deceased: 
Date of Incident: January 28, 2017	Date of Death: January 28, 2017
Operator: Dynamic Energy Inc.	Mine: McDonald Fork Impoundment MSHA ID 46-02446
Contractor: N/A	
Autopsy Conducted: Not Performed	Death Certificate Issued: February 22, 2017

Decision: Not chargeable

I reviewed the investigative report in the death of  and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry.

 a 40-year-old mechanic, was found by a coworker unconscious lying against the tire of a rock truck he was working to assemble. He was unresponsive and no pulse was detected. 911 was called and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed by co-workers. Emergency medical services personnel (EMS) arrived and were assisted by emergency medical technicians from a nearby mine. Treatment included use of an automated external defibrillator. EMS transported  to a regional medical center where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and that the immediate cause of death was "unspecified natural disease." Hypertension was listed as a contributing factor. The MSHA investigation did not reveal any environmental or physical conditions which contributed to the death.

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