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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-13-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: April 11, 2017

Date of Death: April 11, 2017

Operator: Perry County Coal, LLC






Mine: E4-1
MSHA ID 15-18565

Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Issued: April 19,
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 55-year-old shuttle car operator was talking with a co-worker when he collapsed to the mine floor. 911 was called, and mine emergency technicians performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on . Two shocks were also administered from an automated external defibrillator, but no vital signs could be detected. During transport to the surface another shock was administered but  was not revived. At the surface,  was turned over to emergency medical services and transported by ambulance to the hospital. He was pronounced dead at the hospital by the Deputy County Coroner.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was myocardial infarction. The MSHA investigation did not reveal any environmental or physical conditions that contributed to the death.

Based on the 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.

cc: Patricia W. Silvey
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