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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-14-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: April 14, 2017

Date of Death: April 14, 2017

Operator: The Marshall County Coal  
Company

Mine: Marshall County Mine  
MSHA ID 46-01437




Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Filed: April 20,  
2017

Decision: Not Chargeable

Death Certificate Received by  
MSHA: May 3, 2017

I reviewed the investigative report in the death of  and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry.  a 66-year-old mobile equipment operator, was seated in a chair talking with co-workers when he suddenly collapsed. Co-workers contacted 911 and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, a mine emergency technician administered one shock from an automated external defibrillator. When emergency medical services (EMS) personnel arrived they found  in full cardiac arrest and could not revive him. He was pronounced dead by EMS in coordination with Medical Command at the hospital. The deceased was transported to a hospital for an external examination by the Medical Examiner.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was probable atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD). Insulin dependent diabetic hypertension was listed as a significant condition

contributing to the cause of death. 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.

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