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MEMORANDUM FOR: MARVIN LICHTENFELS

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FROM:

JEFFREY A. DUNCAN 
Committee Chair
Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2017-M-06- [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: March 9, 2017

Date of Death: March 9, 2017

Operator: Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

Mine: Ames Mine
MSHA ID 1300014

Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Issued: March 14,
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 56-year-old front end loader operator, was performing his normal job duties when his vehicle stopped in front of a haul truck. Two haul truck drivers approached [REDACTED] and found him unresponsive. Miners performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation and used an automated external defibrillator on [REDACTED]. Emergency medical technicians arrived and transported [REDACTED] to the hospital. He received emergency treatment but died a short time later.

The death certificate stated that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was acute cardiac dysrhythmia due to non-ischemia cardiomyopathy. Obesity was listed as a significant condition. 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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