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MEMORANDUM FOR: EMILY K. HARGROVE
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Mine Safety and Health [REDACTED] *[Signature]*

FROM: JEFFREY A. DUNCAN [REDACTED]
Committee Chair
Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2017-M-21-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: April 27, 2017

Date of Death: April 27, 2017

Operator: Solvay Chemicals, Inc.

Mine: Solvay Chemicals
MSHA ID 48-01295

Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: Yes

Death Certificate Issued: May 8,
2017

**Autopsy Report Received
by MSHA:** June 13, 2017

**Death Certificate Received by
MSHA:** July 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. Mr. [REDACTED], a 60-year-old miner suddenly collapsed while getting a beverage from the refrigerator. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was started immediately and treatment was later provided by EMS personnel. However, [REDACTED] could not be revived and was pronounced dead at the local hospital.

Both the autopsy and death certificate state that the manner of death was natural, and that the immediate cause of death was thoracic aortic aneurysm with acute dissection and rupture. 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 Mr. [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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