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MEMORANDUM FOR: EMILY K. HARGROVE
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FROM: JEFFREY A. DUNCAN
Committee Chair
Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2017-M-22- [REDACTED]	Deceased: [REDACTED]
Date of Incident: June 12, 2017	Date of Death: June 12, 2017
Operator: Masonville Stone Inc.	Mine: Masonville Blue MSHA ID 30-03313
Contractor: Don-Mar Blasting Corporation I.D. Q532	
Autopsy Conducted: No	Death Certificate Issued: June 14, 2017
Autopsy Report Issued: N/A	Death Certificate Received by MSHA: July 17, 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 contract blaster, arrived at the mine at 7:00 a.m. He worked with a miner loading explosives in drill holes as part of a planned overburden shot at the quarry. Mr. [REDACTED] took a break from the heat at approximately 1:00 p.m. and shortly afterwards, complained to the miner of pain in his leg and feeling ill. He then collapsed and became unresponsive. The miner called 911, and began administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation. EMS and fire department personnel arrived and assumed resuscitation efforts. Mr. [REDACTED] was transported by ambulance to the hospital where he was pronounced dead at 2:06p.m.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and that the immediate cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest as a consequence of atherosclerotic heart disease. As part of the investigation, MSHA inspected the explosives loading area and found no deficiencies or hazards that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the 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.

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