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

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2017-M-31 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: July 31, 2017

Date of Death: July 31, 2017

Operator: CRG Mining LLC

Mine: Gold Links
MSHA ID 05-04011

Vendor: Munro Supply

Autopsy Conducted: Yes

Death Certificate Issued: October 12, 2017

Date of Autopsy: August 1, 2017

Death Certificate Received by MSHA: October 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 66-year-old vendor from a supply company was found unresponsive in the mine office. CPR was performed until an ambulance arrived. However, Mr. [REDACTED] died a short time later.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and that the immediate cause of death was an acute cardiac event associated with severe coronary atherosclerotic heart disease. In addition, the preliminary autopsy report noted Mr. [REDACTED] history of heart disease and heart surgery. The MSHA investigation did not reveal any environmental or physical conditions that contributed to the death.

Based on the death certificate, preliminary autopsy report, 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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