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MEMORANDUM FOR: EMILY K. HARGROVE

Acting Deputy Administrator for Metal and Nonmetal
Mine Safety and Health

FROM:

JEFFREY A. DUNCAN

Committee Chair

Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2017-M-43-

Deceased:

Date of Incident: September 6, 2017

Date of Death: September 6, 2017

Operator: Hanson Aggregates Midwest
LLC

Mine: Laurel Quarry
Mine ID 15-12905

Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Certified: October
17, 2017

Decision: Not Chargeable

**Death Certificate Received by
MSHA:** December 11, 2017

I reviewed the investigative report in the death of [REDACTED] and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry. Mr. [REDACTED], a 41-year-old crusher operator, had carried a chain ratchet to a mechanic's truck and was observed collapsing a short time later. Miners performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation and called 911. EMS arrived, continued resuscitation efforts, and transported Mr. [REDACTED] to the hospital. However, he could not be revived and was pronounced dead.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was ventricular fibrillation leading to cardiac arrest. Myocardial infarction was listed as the underlying cause of death. The MSHA investigation did not reveal any environmental or physical factors that 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.

cc: Patricia W. Silvey
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