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MEMORANDUM FOR: TIMOTHY WATKINS

Deputy Administrator for
Coal Mine Safety and Health

FROM:

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

SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2018-C-03-

Deceased:

Date of Incident: February 7, 2018

Date of Death: February 7, 2018

Operator: Alden Resources LLC

Mine: Gatliff Tipple
Mine ID 15-09938

Contractor: Chestnut Trucking LLC

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Filed: February 15,
2018

Decision: Not Chargeable

Death Certificate Received by
MSHA: February 27, 2018

I reviewed the investigative report in the death of [REDACTED] and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry. Mr. [REDACTED] a 62-year-old over the road trucker, was found in his truck unresponsive and slumped over the steering wheel. Miners performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation and administered three shocks from an automated external defibrillator. Responding emergency medical personnel conducted resuscitative efforts at the mine and during transport to the emergency room. However, Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead in the emergency room.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was acute myocardial infarction as a consequence of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. 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 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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