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MEMORANDUM FOR: TIMOTHY WATKINS
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Coal Mine Safety and Health

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

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2018-C-15-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: July 17, 2018

Date of Death: July 17, 2018

Operator: The Marion County Coal
Company

Mine: Marion County Mine
Mine ID 46-01433

Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Certified: July 17,
2018

Decision: Not Chargeable

**Death Certificate Received by
MSHA:** August 3, 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 68-year-shop mechanic, was performing his regular job duties when he complained of chest pain to his supervisor. The supervisor called an ambulance, and Mr. [REDACTED] was able to walk to the ambulance. During hospital transport, Mr. [REDACTED] experienced an apparent seizure, and the ambulance was diverted from a local hospital to a Regional medical center. Ambulance paramedics performed resuscitative efforts including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and application of an automated external defibrillator. However, upon arrival at the medical center, Mr. [REDACTED] was in full cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead by the attending physician a short time later.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was myocardial infarction. 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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