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MEMORANDUM FOR: EMILY K. HARGROVE

Acting Deputy Administrator for Metal and Nonmetal
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FROM:

JEFFREY A. DUNCAN

Committee Chair

Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT:

Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2018-M-02-

Deceased:

Date of Incident: January 2, 2018

Date of Death: January 2, 2018

Operator: CertainTeed Gypsum & Ceiling
Manufacturing Inc

Mine: BPB Mfg Surface Mine & Pit
Mine ID 13-00435

Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Filed: January 11,
2018

Decision: Not Chargeable

**Death Certificate Received by
MSHA:** March 1, 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 57-year-old raw grind operator, was unplugging a discharge chute when he collapsed. Miners performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and responding emergency medical personnel conducted resuscitative efforts to no avail. Mr. [REDACTED] was pronounced dead at the local hospital.

The death certificate states that the manner of death was natural, and the immediate cause of death was acute anterior myocardial infarction as a consequence of coronary artery 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.

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