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MEMORANDUM FOR EMILY K. HARGROVE
Acting Deputy Administrator for Metal and Nonmetal
Mine Safety and Health

FROM: KEVIN BURNS [REDACTED]
Acting Committee Chair
Acting Deputy Director for Educational Policy
and Development

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2018-M-19-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: June 29, 2018

Date of Death: July 1, 2018

Operator: Goldrich NyacAU Placer
LLC

Mine: GNP Mine
Mine ID 50-01402

Contractor: N/A

Autopsy Conducted: No

Death Certificate Certified: July 8,
2018

Decision: Not Chargeable

Death Certificate Received by
MSHA: October 14, 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 42 year-old equipment operator at a remote Alaska mine, was observed ill and vomiting by another miner and escorted back to camp. Soon after arriving at camp, Mr. [REDACTED] lost consciousness. The mine manager contacted a life-flight medical helicopter and Mr. [REDACTED] was flown 190 miles to a hospital in Fairbanks Alaska. Mr. [REDACTED] was evaluated in Fairbanks, then transferred to a medical center in Anchorage Alaska and placed on life-support. A CT scan was performed, and after medical staff determined Mr. [REDACTED] condition was terminal, life support was discontinued and he died a short time later.

The death certificate lists the manner of death as natural, and states the immediate cause of death as ICH right thalamus (a stroke). 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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