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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-09 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 13, 2011

Date of Death: May 13, 2011

Operator: Carmeuse Lime, Inc.

Mine: Grand River Operation

Contractor: SMP Welding, LLC.

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 51 year old maintenance contractor, was placing cooling wands into a storage location near the top of a cooling tower. As he was receiving a cooling wand (approximately 20 pounds in weight) from a co-worker, he collapsed. The co-worker who witnessed the incident began CPR and called for assistance. Emergency response personnel arrived on the scene and started advanced resuscitation efforts. [REDACTED] was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural due to a myocardial infarction. The deceased had a history of hypertension. According to a reported discussion between the coroner and investigator, temperatures were not considered to be a contributing factor. An autopsy was not performed.

Based on the finding of the death certificate, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died from natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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