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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: C-2008-17 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 05/19/2008

Date of Death: 05/19/2008

Operator: Southland Resources, Inc.

Mine: Searles Mine

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. According to the MSHA investigation, [REDACTED] was employed as a security guard at the Searles Mine. He was found dead in the guard shack on the morning of May 19, 2008. MSHA investigators did not find any electrical or environmental hazards that could have contributed to [REDACTED] death. The Report of Autopsy indicates that [REDACTED] died of natural causes due to atherosclerotic coronary artery disease.

Based on the Report of Autopsy and the results of MSHA's investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died of natural causes and his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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