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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: M-2008-14 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 12, 2008

Date of Death: May 12, 2008

Operator: Superior Minerals Company Mine: Savage Plant

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. MSHA's investigation revealed that the deceased was a repairman at the Superior Minerals Company Savage Plant. He was repairing a tail pulley for a conveyor when he experienced chest pain. [REDACTED] went to the lunchroom to call his daughter but after he dropped his cell phone she called 911 and then the production supervisor. [REDACTED] was found unconscious soon after and efforts made to revive him failed. The death certificate indicated that the immediate cause of death was coronary artery disease with hypertension and hyperlipidemia as contributing conditions. An autopsy was not performed. Based on the death certificate and the results of MSHA's investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died from natural causes and his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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