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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: C-2008-45 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: November 10, 2008

Date of Death: November 10, 2008

Operator: The American Coal
Company

Mine: Galatia 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 MSHA's investigation, [REDACTED] had worked as a contract electrical crane technician at the Galatia Mine. [REDACTED] had climbed several sets of stairs from the ground floor of the mine preparation plant to the overhead gantry crane walkway and had traveled about 25 feet along the walkway when he collapsed. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was begun on-site and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. MSHA investigators did not find any electrical, mechanical, or environmental hazards that could have caused or contributed to [REDACTED] death. The Autopsy Report and the Certificate of Death indicate that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction.

Based on the Certificate of Death 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.

cc: Michael A. Davis