

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, the deceased, a loader operator, was found unconscious and unresponsive near his pickup truck at the scale house site. The driver's door of his pickup truck was open, the truck was idling and one of his shoes was still in the truck. The Certificate of Death indicated that the death was due to natural causes and was due to dilated cardiomyopathy. An autopsy revealed mild enlargement of the heart (cardiomegaly) with left ventricular hypertrophy and the conclusion that the cause of death was a heart attack.

Based on the autopsy, 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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