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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2009-M-18 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: February 06, 2009

Date of Death: February 06, 2009

Operator: Imerys Clay, Inc.

Mine: Sandersville Calcine 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. The deceased, a 54 year old packaging/shipping supervisor, was working in the office. He was found by a co-worker struggling to get up from the floor. EMS responded on site and resuscitation efforts were continued at a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The Certificate of Death indicated that the death was due to cardiac arrest secondary to known medical conditions. The deceased was morbidly obese and was known to have hypertension and diabetes. An autopsy was not performed. The MSHA investigation found no slipping, tripping or electrical hazards and found no evidence that [REDACTED] had been lifting any heavy objects.

Based on the Certificate of Death and the results of MSHA's investigation, the Fatality Review 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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