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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2010-C-08-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: March 30, 2010

Date of Death: April 1, 2010

Operator: Kentucky Fuel Corporation Mine: Bevins Branch Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of ██████████ should not be charged to the mining industry. ██████████, the second shift foreman, was giving out work assignments when he collapsed. Emergency treatment was begun at the site and ██████████ was transported to a local medical center and then transferred by helicopter to a major medical center. ██████████ died 2 days after the initial medical emergency. The MSHA investigation found that ██████████ did not come into contact with any electrical sources during his pre-shift inspection and had not indicated to anyone that he was concerned about his health.

The death certificate indicated that his death was natural. The immediate cause was brain death from elevated intracranial pressure and subarachnoid hemorrhage. No autopsy was performed.

Based on the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that ██████████ died as a result of natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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