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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-C-01 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: February 27, 2011

Date of Death: February 27, 2011

Operator: Rox Coal, Inc.

Mine: Quecreek #1 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. [REDACTED], a 56 year old mine examiner/section foreman, was performing the pre-shift examination when he was found slumped over the seat of his battery powered vehicle. CPR was begun by co-workers and was continued by the ambulance crew that arrived on site. [REDACTED] was determined to be deceased at the mine property.

Both the death certificate and the autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction due to occlusive coronary artery disease. The MSHA investigation found no physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to his death.

After an examination of the death certificate, the autopsy report and the MSHA investigation report, the 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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