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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-C-06-

Deceased:

Date of Incident: February 11, 2011

Date of Death: February 11, 2011

Operator: Whitnick & P Coal Co.,
LLC.

Mine: #1

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. _____ a 46 year old section foreman, was shoveling coal from the mine ribs when he collapsed and lost consciousness. Co-workers performed CPR and he was transported to the surface of the mine where he was pronounced dead by the coroner.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of the death was natural and due to cardiac dysrhythmia, secondary to hypertensive cardiovascular disease with mild to moderate coronary artery stenosis. Emphysema was also identified during the autopsy. The autopsy report was available at the time that the death certificate was prepared. The MSHA investigation at the scene found no physical hazards or environmental factors that may have contributed to his death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the autopsy report as well as the results of MSHA's investigation, the committee members concluded that _____ died from natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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