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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-18 [Redacted]

Deceased: [Redacted]

Date of Incident: February 17, 2011

Date of Death: February 17, 2011

Operator: South Flint Gravel, Inc.

Mine: South Flint Gravel, Inc.

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 50 year old supervisor, was shoveling under the mine scales with two co-workers when he indicated that he needed to sit down. He complained about being lightheaded and short of breath. He also indicated that his left arm was numb. He walked approximately 15 feet and collapsed to the ground. CPR was initiated by co-workers and emergency response personnel were summoned. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. Other significant conditions noted included chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. No autopsy was performed.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, 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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