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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-32

Deceased:

Date of Incident: September 13, 2011

Date of Death: September 13, 2011

Operator: Southwest Graphite  
Company

Mine: DeQuincy 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. [redacted] a 56 year old bagger, was found by co-workers lying non-responsive on the landing of a mill building stairway. Co-workers began CPR and summoned emergency response personnel who continued the effort to revive him. He was declared dead at the scene by the coroner.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and the autopsy report indicated that the death was due to atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. The autopsy showed that the heart was enlarged and that there was prior and new heart damage of the left ventricle. The MSHA investigation found that he had been performing his normal duties cleaning out the roller mill.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report and the MSHA investigation, 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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