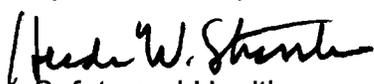




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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-C-63 

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: December 05, 2011

Date of Death: December 09, 2011

Operator: Maple Coal Company

Mine: Maple Eagle No. 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 53 year old roof bolter operator, worked on the night shift installing roof bolts. He collapsed while helping to add hydraulic oil into the roof bolter machine. CPR was administered and with the use of an AED his vital signs were restored. He was transported to a local hospital where he died 4 days later.

The death certificate indicated that the cause of death was a myocardial infarction with additional diagnoses of respiratory failure and anoxic encephalopathy. An autopsy was not performed. No evidence was found suggesting that physical or environmental hazards at the mine contributed to [REDACTED] death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the results of MSHA's 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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