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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2009-C-28-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: July 14, 2009

Date of Death: July 14, 2009

Operator: AMFIRE Mining
Company, LLC

Mine: Gillhouser Run 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 55 year old beltman/mine examiner had completed cleaning the belt drives of a conveyor and was walking out of the mine. Co-workers found him kneeling on the travelway and took him by mantrip to the surface of the mine. The deceased indicated he was not feeling well and was subsequently taken by EMT's to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The MSHA investigation did not disclose any electrical or environmental hazards which may have been factors in this death. The autopsy report found that [REDACTED] had severe atherosclerotic coronary artery disease. His illness lead to a ninety percent blockage in two of the main blood vessels in his heart and a third was fifty percent blocked. The toxicology report found no evidence of drugs or alcohol and no signs of trauma were found during an examination.

Based on the autopsy report 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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