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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2009-M-25 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 06, 2009
(Found)

Date of Death: May 06, 2009 (Found)

Operator: Syar Industries, Inc.

Mine: Healdsburg Main 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. Two mine employees were driving to the south edge of the mine property for supplies when they found the body of the deceased. She was apparently a transient and had set up an encampment on the mine site. Asthma medication, a methamphetamine pipe and marijuana seeds were found during a search of the camp. The death certificate indicated that her death was due to natural causes and was directly due to asthma. Toxicological tests identified d-methamphetamines in her blood. An autopsy revealed pulmonary hyper inflation consistent with status asthmaticus (a severe asthma attack). [REDACTED] was not a mine employee and was not authorized to be on the property.

Based on the certificate of death, the toxicology results and the autopsy report, the Fatality Review Committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died from natural causes and that her death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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