



AUG 24 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD  
Administrator for Metal and  
Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health

FROM:

DENNIS RAYMOND *Dennis Raymond*  
Acting Chief, Program Policy Evaluation Office

HEIDI W. STRASSLER *Heidi W. Strassler*  
Deputy Associate Solicitor for Mine Safety and Health

JEFFREY A. DUNCAN *Thomas Kessler for*  
Director for Educational Policy and Development

LINDA F. ZEILER *Linda F. Zeiler*  
Acting Director of Technical Support

NANCY M. SAHAKIAN, M.D.  
Senior Program Management Consultant, Clinical Operations,  
Federal Occupational Health Service, United States Public  
Health Service *Nancy M. Sahakian*

SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-07 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: March 09, 2011

Date of Death: March 09, 2011

Operator: Bluebird Sand, LLC.

Mine: Bluebird Sand

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 57 year old screen operator, was shoveling wet sand from under a feed hopper into a skid steer when he complained of chest pain and shortness of breath. While waiting for emergency response personnel to arrive, he stopped breathing. He had been ill several days prior. A co-worker began CPR. 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 due to a possible acute myocardial infarction. No autopsy was performed.

Based on the finding 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.

cc: Joseph A. Main  
Gregory R. Wagner, M.D.  
Patricia W. Silvey