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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-C-10-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: February 24 , 2011

Date of Death: February 24 , 2011

Operator: South Akers Mining
Company, LLC.

Mine: Sam #14

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 40 year old foreman, was checking the air lock doors prior to being found unresponsive on the mine floor by coworkers. [REDACTED] complained of chest pain and was ill prior to leaving home. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was begun, but [REDACTED] remained unresponsive. Emergency personnel were summoned to transport him to a local hospital where he was then pronounced dead.

The MSHA investigation did not identify any physical or environmental hazards. Both the death certificate and autopsy report identified the cause of death to be acute myocardial infarction secondary to acute thrombus in the right coronary artery. The manner of death was listed as natural.

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