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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-21.

Deceased:

Date of Incident: January 18, 2011

Date of Death: January 19, 2011

Operator: Coeur Alaska, Inc.

Mine: Kensington

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of _____ should not be charged to the mining industry. _____ a 48 year old warehouse coordinator, had been assigned to move supplies at the barge using a forklift. He was eating dinner and conversing with co-workers approximately two hours after completing his shift. Mr. Mitchell stopped speaking mid-sentence, laid his head on the table and became unresponsive. CPR was begun by co-workers. He was pronounced dead at the scene after paramedics arrived.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the death was due to an acute myocardial infarction. Other significant conditions noted included hypertension and kidney disease. No autopsy was performed.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the committee members concluded that _____ died from natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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