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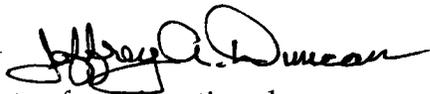


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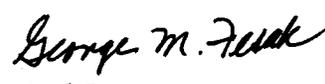
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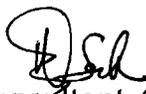
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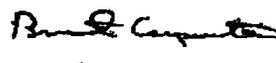
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-52 

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: November 29, 2011

Date of Death: November 29, 2011

Operator: Hanson Aggregates
Southeast, LLC.

Mine: Lithonia/Pine Mountain
Quarry

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 utility operator, started up the plant and then went to clean off an overloaded conveyor. Several minutes later he was found by a co-worker on the conveyor catwalk. He was slumped over to his left side, was unresponsive and had no pulse. CPR was begun. He was transported to local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. The death certificate and the autopsy report both indicated that the cause of death was a ruptured basilar tip aneurysm. No evidence was found at the scene suggesting that physical or environmental hazards contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and autopsy report as well as the results of MSHA's investigation, the committee members concluded that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry.

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