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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-55 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: August 11, 2011

Date of Death: August 11, 2011

Operator: Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC.

Mine: Hookers Prairie Mine

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 63 year old washer operator, walked through the flotation plant and headed to the Wash Plant Control Room. He walked approximately 260 ft and up 4 flights of stairs and down a long hallway to clock in for his shift. He collapsed on a platform just below the Wash Plant Control Room. Co-workers began CPR immediately and called for help. The deceased was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and the autopsy report determined that the death was due to atherosclerotic and hypertensive heart disease. 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, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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