

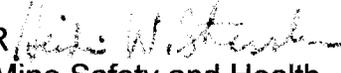


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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-M-50 

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: April 19, 2013

Date of Death: April 19, 2013

Operator: U.S. Silica Company

Mine: Kosse Plant

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 60 year- old heavy equipment operator, was assigned to operate a pit haulage truck. He was waiting in the pit for the haul road to be graded when he complained to co-workers that he didn't feel well. He became nauseous and began vomiting. He was transported to a local hospital where he died within 2 hours.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was myocardial infarction due to diabetes mellitus. An autopsy was not performed. An MSHA investigation did not identify any environmental or physical hazards that may have contributed to his death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, 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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