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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-C-31-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: August 24, 2013

Date of Death: August 24, 2013

Operator: Sabine Mining Company

Mine: South Hallsville No. 1 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 55 year old truck driver, was operating a 240 ton coal haul truck when it left the roadway and entered a large pond. When EMS personnel arrived at the mine site they found [REDACTED] unresponsive, lying on the floor of the cab. He was moved to dry land where he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The autopsy report and death certificate both indicated that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was hypertensive heart disease. The toxicology screen was negative. An MSHA inspection failed to identify any contributory physical or environmental hazards at the mine site.

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