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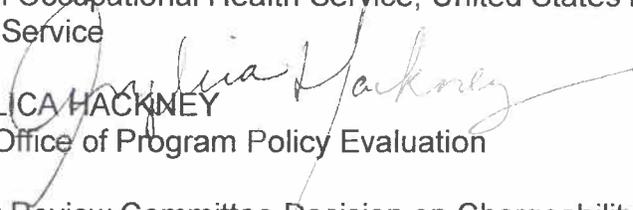
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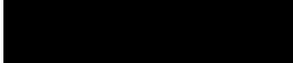
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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-M-37-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: December 06,  
2013

Date of Death: December 06, 2013

Operator: Tilden Mining Company  
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Mine: Tilden 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 61 year old reagent handler, was removing caustic soda off-loading equipment from a tank car when he fell 12.5 feet from the top of the railcar car onto the concrete floor below. He was found unresponsive a few minutes later. He was transported to a hospital by ambulance where he was pronounced dead shortly after.

The autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was traumatic complications of a subacute myocardial infarction with arrhythmia. The manner of death was described as natural. The autopsy found that he had a subacute subendocardial infarction which led to an arrhythmia which caused a fall which lead to skull fractures and large subgaleal and subarachnoid hemorrhages. The autopsy revealed a 90% obstruction on one coronary artery.

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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