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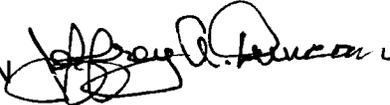
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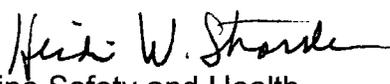


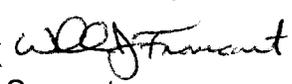
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

**Case No.:** 2014-C-18-

**Deceased:** 

**Date of Incident:** March 10, 2014

**Date of Death:** March 10, 2014

**Operator:** Coal Valley, LLC.

**Mine:** Williams #1 Mine

**Decision:** Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry.

Mr. [REDACTED] a 59 year old surface miner, was operating a bulldozer when a co-worker noticed that the equipment was not moving. When he went to investigate he found Mr. [REDACTED] slumped over the bulldozer controls. CPR was begun and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural, and the cause of death was coronary artery disease with diabetes as a significant contributory condition. An autopsy was not performed. An MSHA investigation did not identify any contributory environmental or physical hazards.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that Mr. [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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