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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2015-M-29 [REDACTED] **Deceased:** [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: June 08, 2015 **Date of Death:** June 08, 2015

Operator: Robertson Crushed Stone, Inc. **Mine:** Milltown Rock Quarry

Autopsy Conducted: No **Death Certificate Released:** June 10, 2015

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 59-year old loader operator, was assigned to load customer trucks from the material stockpiles. Four hours into his shift he exited the loader and began walking towards the mine shop. He suddenly collapsed and was found unresponsive by co-workers. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The State of Indiana Certificate of Death, released on June 10, 2015, found the manner of death to be natural and the immediate cause of death to be myocardial infarction.

MSHA's investigation which was conducted between June 10, 2015 and September 10, 2015 did not identify any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on these findings, 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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