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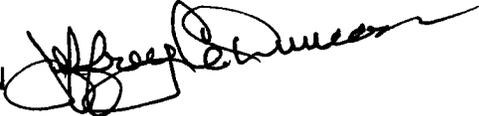
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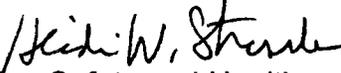


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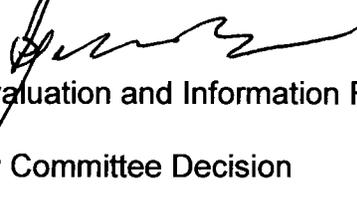
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

**Case No.:** 2015-M-36-

**Deceased:** 

**Date of Incident:** October 01, 2015

**Date of Death:** October 01, 2015

**Operator:** Freeport-McMoran  
Morenci, Inc.

**Mine:** Freeport-McMoran Morenci, Inc.

**Autopsy Conducted:** Released  
October 22, 2015

**Death Certificate Released:** November  
06, 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. Mr. [REDACTED], a 46-year old crusher operator, was assigned to check gaps on the cone crushers. During his shift he complained to a co-worker about feeling hot. After getting water in the control room Mr. [REDACTED] resumed work. He was later found unresponsive on the crusher floor and CPR was begun. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead the same day.

The death certificate and autopsy report indicated that manner of death was natural and that the cause of death was atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. The toxicology screen was negative for all drugs.

MSHA's investigation was conducted on October 02, 2015. No physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death were identified.

Based on these findings, the committee members concluded that Mr. [REDACTED]'s death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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