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MEMORANDUM FOR Neal H. Merrifield
Administrator for Coal, Mine Safety and Health

FROM: JEFFREY A. DUNCAN 
Committee Chair
Director for Educational Policy and Development

SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Decision

Case No.: 2016-M-06- 	Deceased: 
Date of Incident: March 23, 2016	Date of Death: March 23, 2016
Operator: Texas Sand & Gravel Company	Mine: Krister-Fain Pit
Autopsy Report Received: April 26, 2016	Death Certificate Released: May 24, 2016

Decision: Not chargeable

I have reviewed the investigative report in the death of  and determined it should not be charged to the mining industry. On the day of the incident  a 59 year old mechanic, started his lunch break at about 12:30 pm. At about 12:48 pm,  wife contacted the mine office and reported that she got no response from her husband after he told her he was experiencing chest pain. A coworker went to check on  and found him unresponsive. Efforts by coworkers and EMS to revive the  were unsuccessful. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital at 2:08 pm.

The autopsy report and death certificate indicate the manner of death is natural and list the immediate cause of death as arteriosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. MSHA's investigation did not identify any environmental or physical factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the death certificate and MSHA's investigation, I have determined that the death of [REDACTED] was not due to mine related work activities and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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