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Statement of Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Release of the United Mineworkers Report on Sago Mine

“The United Mine Workers Report clearly demonstrates that the tragic deaths at Sago Mine were preventable. Needed mine safety regulations have languished for too long, and America’s miners are paying the price.

The MINER Act that Congress passed into law last year was a vital step in protecting miners’ safety, but more needs to be done. We need swift compliance by mining companies with the safety requirements of the MINER Act and tough penalties for those who fail to fall into line.”