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Statement of Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the report by the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board on the BP Explosion in Texas City in March 2005

Senator Kennedy said: "The report is a chilling reminder of what happens when corporations ignore worker safety and government looks the other way. The callous attitude by BP management caused the needless deaths of these workers. Despite numerous prior deaths, OSHA did not recognize and adequately investigate the problems.

Employees across the country are paying the price for the flagrant failures of companies and OSHA alike. OSHA's mission is to protect safety and health in the workplace, and it's been AWOL for too long. That has to end."