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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY  
ON RELEASE OF THE MINE SAFETY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION'S EMERGENCY  
TEMPORARY STANDARD  
ON EMERGENCY MINE EVACUATION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy released the following statement on the release of the Mine Safety Health Administration's emergency temporary standard on mine evacuation:

“The temporary rule is a welcome improvement in mine evacuation readiness, but it fails to deal with the many safety hazards that cause mine accidents in the first place. I urge the Agency to take action as soon as possible to crack down on these hazards as well.”

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