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Hello, my name is Jimmy Browning. I am an underground unit mechanic with a suggestion. Yesterday, Saturday, March 11, 2006, I attended a annual retraining class with the company I work for. Part of the class involve the doning of our SCSR and the transferring to another SCSR under emergency circumstances. When the instructor said to use the SCSR as soon as danger is present. It is obvious that when smoke is present, use your SCSR, but Carbon Monoxide(CO) may be present when smoke is not. CO is colorless, odorless, and tasteless, so how do you know when danger is present.

From tragedy rises hope for others and this is my hope. I do not know what happened with the Sago miners or if they used the SCSR available to them in time. Not every person carry CO spotters and would not know when CO is present. I began to research web sites with some type of CO detector that a typical miner could carry on his/her person and still be affordable for a company to provide for EVERY miner. I think I have found a product that fits this purpose.

On this web site [www.testproducts.com](http://www.testproducts.com) the companys name is National Safety Products Inc. click on the link for Carbon Monoxide. It takes you to a page that tells of the dangers of CO and detectors. One is an Active detector, the type that run on battery or electricity. The other is a Passive CO detector. This detector is made of non-toxic materials and has an adhesive strip on the back that could mount almost anywhere. Shelf life for a unopened pack is three years, once opened it should be replaced every 60 days. The detector has an easy-to-see, visual indicator which warns of the presence of CO gas. The circle on the indicator will turn gray or black, depending on the concentration of CO. Then will return to normal when exposed to fresh air again. They start at \$2.95 for one and in bulk the price decreases, making them affordable for companies to buy in bulk.

I feel like this product should be worn by every miner who carries an SCSR on their side. I intend to talk with our safety department Monday, 3-13-2006 with the idea of providing these for my fellow miners and maybe you will implement this idea into law that each miner will be afforded the comfort of knowing when to use his SCSR.

Sincerely,

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