Miner killed, another rescued in Kentucky

CUMBERLAND, Ky. (AP) — A roof collapsed at a coal mine Wednesday, killing an owner of the mine and trapping a second miner for more than two hours, state officials said.

The trapped worker, Terry Rigney, was rescued unharmed from the Paul and Robert Lewis Coal Co. Mine No. 2 in Harlan County, said Faith Miller Cole, a state Department of Mines and Minerals spokeswoman in Lexington.

Rigney and Paul Ed Lewis, 48, of Cumberland were 200 feet inside the horizontal shaft when a slab of rock fell from the roof, Ms. Cole said. The slab was 30 feet long, 18 feet wide and 4 to 6 feet thick, she said.

Lewis’ body was recovered shortly after Rigney was rescued.