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Washington D.C. - Congressman John Murtha of Pennsylvania today issued the following statement regarding the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi:

"My compliments to General Casey and the troops involved in eliminating Al-Zarqawi. This obviously will have a significant impact in reducing the amount of violence in Iraq.

"The significance of this event is also in bringing in Iraqi intelligence to coordinate the effort with U.S. forces.

"With the appointment of Defense and Interior Ministers, we should be able to substantially reduce our presence in Iraq and redeploy our military outside of Iraq."