House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee have accepted my invitation to study strip mining and reclamation sites in West Virginia. Trip will take place on Saturday, March 5.

2 sites will visited in Virginia

5 sites in West Virginia

4 sites visited in Penn. on Sun March 6

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Radio Feed Staip Mine Tour

Congressman Morris Udall, chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs

asked members of the Committee to submit suggested sites.

I suggested 6 sites, of those 2 will be inspected.

Environmental groups such as Save Our Mountains suggested 6 sites, of which 3

will be visited.

The sites in West Virginia are:

Gilbert Land Coal Company--near Justice Buffalo Creek Coal Company--near Larado Consol Coal Company--Clearfork Creek Piney Creek Coal Company--Beckley

Valley Creek Coal Company--near Cabin Creek

The Elkay Mines in Logan County will be inspected from the air.

- The sites were selected by the Interior and Insular Afffairs Committee, in conjuction with the U.S. Army who will be providing transportation for trip.
- Six members of the Committee, including Congressman Udall will be on the inspection tour.

This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

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