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RAHALL CALLS FOR FLOOD PROTECTION

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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Sunbury, Pennsylvania --- "Victims of floods are still struggling to overcome the economic and personal losses of the flood, because there exists an uncertainty of protection from future flood destruction," Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), told a House Subcommittee today.

Congressman Rahall was in Sunbury, Pa. for the field hearings of the House Public Works Subcommittee on Water Resources. The hearings were held to give Members of Congress a closer look at the need for flood protection in areas where flooding occurs.

Congressman Rahall's remarks dealt specifically with the extreme need for flood protection along the Tug River Valley. "My constituents are scared, and they have good reason to be," Rahall stated, "last spring as many of you may know, the Fourth Congressional District of which I represent, was declared a Federal Disaster area because of massive flooding."

Rahall went on to say, "As another winter approaches, residents of the Tug Valley are well aware of the possibility of another flood wiping them out again next spring."

"The time has come to stop the talk and take action to protect people who deserve to live wherever they wish, and free from the fear that they will again face total destruction," Rahall observed.

Congressman Rahall pointed out, "That much of the delay in action comes from the need for dollar-for-dollar benefits of a flood control project, and there seems that residents of certain areas do not receive flood protection because the protection does not come under the dollar-for-dollar benefit."

"For example," Congressman Rahall said, "residents of Vinson Street in Williamson, West Virginia, are being excluded from a Corps of Engineers project, because the cost benefit is too high." Rahall went on to say, "To say that a person does not receive protection because of some arbitrary cost-benefit ratio, is a cold hearted practice that should be changed. Indeed any area that has the flood history of the Tug Valley, should receive protection regardless of any complicated formula."