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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), had sent a telegram to President Carter urging a Federal Disaster declaration for eight West Virginia counties hit by flooding last weekend. Congressman Rahall's telegram reads as follows:

TODAY YOU WILL RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM GOV. ROCKEFELLER TO DECLARE EIGHT WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES, FEDERAL DISASTER AREAS. FOUR OF THE EIGHT COUNTIES ARE LOCATED IN MY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

SINCE THE HEAVY RAINS BEGAN TO FALL LAST SATURDAY, I HAVE HAD MEMBERS OF MY STAFF IN THE AREA, AND CERTAIN REGIONS OF THE AFFECTED COUNTIES HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED SUCH A FLOOD DISASTER IN 20 YEARS.

I STRONGLY URGE YOUR QUICK AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THIS REQUEST.

I STAND READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND IN ANY WAY I CAN, AND TRUST THAT YOU WILL LEND ONE TO THE STRICKEN FAMILIES OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA.

Rahall said, "The reason a Federal declaration is needed so desperately, is that temporary housing must be provided for those families displaced by the flood. The sooner the President decides, the sooner residents will receive assistance."

According to reports, Congress Rahall observed that, "Damage to public property in over \$3 million dollars so far, and damage to private property is in excess of \$6 million."

Congressman Rahall is planning to visit some of the hardest hit areas on Thursday, December 14. Specifically in mind is the Town of Milton in Cabell County.