WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, (D-WV), IS STEPPING UP HIS EFFORTS TO BRING WORK INTO THE ROCKWELL PLANT LOCATED IN PRINCETON.

IN A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE PRODUCTION OF THE MINUTEMAN III MISSLE SYSTEMS ARE DRAWING TO A CLOSE, WHILE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE GBU-15 MISSLE SYSTEM IS BEGINNING."

"AT THE PRESENT TIME," RAHALL EXPLAINED, "APPROXIMATELY 90% OF THE PRINCETON FACILITY EMPLOYEES, WHICH WORK ON THE MINUTEMAN, WILL BE LAID OFF IF SOME ASPECT OF PRODUCTION OF THE GBU-15 IS NOT UNDERTAKEN AT THIS FACILITY."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL CONCLUDED, "IN AS MUCH AS THIS PLANT HAS IN THE PAST PROVED TO BE VERY EFFICIENT DURING PRODUCTION IT WOULD SEEM UNWISE TO OVERLOOK THIS FACILITY DURING PRODUCTION OF THE GBU-15."

IN REFERENCE TO HIS LETTER, RAHALL OBSERVED, "THE FUTURE OF THE ROCKWELL PLANT IN PRINCETON HAS BEEN A QUESTION MARK FOR SOME MONTHS NOW. THE CLOSING OF THE FACILITY WOULD MEAN HARDSHIP FOR MANY FAMILIES IN THE AREA. I WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL I CAN TO SEE THIS PLANT OPERATE AND PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED JOBS FOR MANY RESIDENTS IN THIS REGION."