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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- "IT IS HARD TO COMPREHEND WHY THE RESIDENTS OF PIKE COUNTY ARE NOW COVERED BY PERMANENT FLOOD INSURANCE, AND THE PEOPLE IN MINGO COUNTY ARE NOT," DECLARED WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, TODAY.

IN A LETTER TO JOHN W. MACY, DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "KNOWING THAT VOLUMINOUS STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPILED BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONCERNING THIS WATERSHED, I JUST CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE IS A PROBLEM PROVIDING MINGO COUNTY WITH PERMANENT FLOOD INSURANCE."

"I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE RESIDENTS OF MINGO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WILLIAMSON, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM FOR AT LEAST 18 MONTHS," RAHALL OBSERVED.

"I AM HOPEFUL THAT MEASURES CAN BE INITIATED WHICH WILL SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THIS TIME FRAME," THE CONGRESSMAN STATED.

"THERE ARE MANY STEPS THAT MUST BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE, THEIR BUSINESSES, HOMES AND BELONGINGS, IN MINGO COUNTY. FLOOD INSURANCE IS JUST ANOTHER PHASE OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID.

"OUR EFFORTS WILL NOT END, HOWEVER," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "UNTIL LONG-TERM FLOOD PROTECTION IS GUARANTEED FOR NOT ONLY THE RESIDENTS OF MINGO COUNTY, BUT FOR PIKE COUNTY AS WELL."

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