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CONGRESSMAN

# Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, ANNOUNCED THAT THE HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PASSED AN AUTHORIZATION OF \$100 MILLION FOR A LONG TERM FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT FOR THE TUG FORK VALLEY.

"I WAS VERY PLEASED THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SEEN FIT TO FUND THIS MUCH NEEDED PROJECT," RAHALL STATED, "AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE FULL HOUSE AND SENATE WILL FOLLOW THE ACTION OF MY COMMITTEE, AND WILL MAKE FLOOD PROTECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THIS SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA AND EASTERN KENTUCKY REGION A REALITY."

ALSO LAST WEEK, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL MET WITH THE NEW HEAD OF THE HUNTINGTON DISTRICT OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, COL. JAMES HIGMAN.

"COL. HIGMAN BROUGHT ME UP-TO-DATE ON A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THE CORPS IS WORKING ON, INCLUDING THE TUG FORK VALLEY," RAHALL STATED, "AND I AM PLEASED HE HAS MADE THIS PROJECT A TOP PRIORITY."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT, "THE CORPS IS VERY CONCERNED THAT 60 PERCENT OF THE VALLEY IS STILL UNPROTECTED FROM FLOODS, AND WANTS VERY MUCH TO WORK WITH CONGRESS AND THE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO DO WHAT IS NEEDED."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL AND COL. HIGMAN DISCUSSED OTHER CORPS PROJECTS OF CONCERN TO SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, SUCH AS:

- THE BEECH FORK LAKE PROJECT
- THE GALLIPOLIS LOCKS AND DAM IMPROVEMENT
- THE OCEANA FLOOD CONTROL AND HOUSING PROJECT.

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