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CONGRESSMAN

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS JOINED AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE OVERLAPPING AND INCONSISTENT ACTIONS OF FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATORY PROGRAMS AFFECTING COAL.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT, "PRESIDENT CARTER HAS FORMED A PROBLEM SOLVING TASK FORCE ON COAL INDUSTRY REGULATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE REGULATORY COUNCIL."

"IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, I HAVE BEEN ASKED, AND HAVE ACCEPTED, A LIAISON ROLE TO BRING TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION SPECIFIC PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF OVER-REGULATION," RAHALL STATED.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COAL REGULATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT FROM INDUSTRY; LABOR; FEDERAL; STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

"I WOULD URGE INDIVIDUALS FROM ANY OF THE ABOVE GROUPS TO CONTACT ME AT ANY TIME A SITUATION EXISTS, WHICH THEY FEEL SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION," RAHALL SAID.

"WITH THE HELP OF THOSE WHO DEAL WITH COAL ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, I BELIEVE GREAT STRIDES CAN BE MADE IN PUSHING COAL TO THE FOREFRONT OF OUR NATION'S ENERGY PICTURE," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED.

THE REGULATORY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ALL MAJOR FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES AND IS CHAIRED BY DOUGLAS COSTLE, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. THE COAL TASK FORCE'S WORK WILL FOCUS ON BOTH PRODUCTION (SAFETY AND HEALTH, RECLAMATION, AND WATER POLLUTION) AND REGULATIONS ON COAL USE (AIR POLLUTION, WATER POLLUTION AND FUEL USE CONVERSION).