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Washington D.C. --- "I am sure the threat of flooding in the Tug Valley, is a threat that is shared by residents in other regions of this nation," West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick Rahall said, "and that is why I am asking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide me with a list of the ten most flood prone regions in the country."

Rahall's request was made in a letter to Lt. General John W. Morris, Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers.

"Realizing that the occurrence of flooding has been increasing and presently averages a flood every 1.3 years in the Tug Valley," Rahall pointed out, "I am sure other areas face the same threat and are unable to obtain flood protection due to the cost-benefit ratio."

Congressman Rahall, also anticipates a study to be undertaken by the Library of Congress to determine the total expenditures made by the Federal Government for disaster relief efforts in the other regions.

"I am hopeful that this additional information will prompt lawmakers in the effected regions, to lend their support to a unified effort to obtain long term flood protection for their Districts and for southern West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky as well," Rahall stated.

In a study completed for Congressman Rahall by the Library of Congress recently, a total in excess of \$3 million dollars is spent by the Federal Government in relief efforts every 1.3 years in the Tug Valley alone.

"I am sure we will find that the U.S. Government has put much more into cleaning up flood damage, than any cost-benefit ratio would allow," Rahall concluded.