

Nick Rahall WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGJON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESS-MAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MINERS AT FOUR SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COAL COMPANIES ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS. 114 MINERS ARE AFFECTED.

THE MINES ARE:

WHITE AND COLE COAL COMPANY, INC. #10 MINE <u>HERNDON</u>, WEST VIRGINIA

COOLRIDGE EQUIPMENT AND MINING COMPANY SHADY SPRING, WEST VIRGINIA

RICH CREEK MINING COMAPNY, INC. RICH CREEK HOLLOW LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA

BETTY COAL COMPANY BETTY MINE #13B BETTY MINE #8 IAEGER, WEST VIRGINIA

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "THE BENEFITS TO THE WORKERS AT THESE OPERATIONS ARE A RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WHICH SHOW AN INCREASE IN PURCHASES OF IMPORTED COAL."

RAHALL POINTED OUT THAT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, MINERS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL UNION OFFICE, OR THE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE.

"THE BENEFITS WILL PROVIDE THE MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES CLOSE TO 70 PERCENT OF THEIR FORMER AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE," RAHALL STATED.

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