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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

I HAVE JUST INTRODUCED A BILL, ALONG WITH CONGRESSMAN CARL PERKINS OF KENTUCKY, A BILL THAT WILL PROVIDE \$100 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS ALONG THE TUGN FORK RIVER IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA AND EASTERN KENTUCKY.

THE MEASURE, HR 41, WILL ALSO DO AWAY WITH THE COST-BENEFIT-RATION ON FLOOD PROJECTS OF THIS KIND.

I BELIVE THAT THE DECISION BY OPEC TO RAISE THE PRICE OF OIL 14% WILL HAVE A DECISIVE AFFECT ON OUR NATION'S ECONOMY, AND AT THE SAME TIME WITH THE COST OF FOREIGN ENERGY SOURCES INCREASING: THE TUG VALLEY HOLDS A KEY TO REDUCING OUR DEPENDENCE ON OPEC OIL. THE NEED FOR ADEQUETE FLOOD PROTECTION IS GREATER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE, BECAUSE WITHOUT IT, THIS REGION COULD BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN SODDEN WASTE-LAND, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL LOSE THE COAL THAT IT SO DESPERATLY NEEDS.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

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