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RAHALL TO LEAD TOUR OF COAL PORT

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WILL LEAD A TOUR GROUP OF TEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ONE OF THE MAJOR COAL PORTS IN THE UNITED STATES, LOCATED AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. THE TRIP WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, NOV. 9.

"LAST YEAR, OVER 14 MILLION TONS OF APPALACHIAN COAL MOVED THE BALTIMORE CURTIS BAY FACILITY," RAHALL OBSERVED. "YET, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERESTS RECOGNIZE THE STRATEGIC VALUE OF EXPORTING COAL, AND THE NEED TO COMMIT OVER ONE-HALF BILLION DOLLARS TO CONSTRUCT NEW FACILITIES AT THIS LOCATION," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT.

"THIS TOUR WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FIRST-HAND THE ACTUAL MOVEMENT OF EXPORT COAL FROM LOADING FACILITY TO VESSEL, AND SHOULD YIELD AN ABUNDANCE OF INFORMATION THAT CAN BE USED IN THE CONSIDERATION OF PORT IMPROVEMENT LEGISLATION," RAHALL STATED.