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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CON-GRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WILL MEET WITH THE NEW ENERGY SECRETARY JAMES EDWARDS, ON TUESDAY, FEB. 17, AT 3PM, IN H-139 OF THE CAPITOL.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL AND SECRETARY EDWARDS WILL BE JOINED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP.

A PREVIOUS MEETING HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO SEC. EDWARDS' SCHEDULE.

"There is a keen interest in what Sec. Edwards will have to say about the future of coal," Congressman Rahall observed.

"In light of the Administration's budget cuts, we will be concerned about which energy programs will be spared the budgetary ax," Rahall said.

THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO LAST 45 MINUTES, AND CONGRESSMAN RAHALL AND SEC. EDWARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE CLOSED MEETING.