Congressman Nick Rahall announces that the U.S. House of Representatives has today passed the 1981 appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior, which contained \$57 million to support research activites at the two solvent refined coal demonstrations plants, in Morgantown and Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

This figure is included in a total funding level of \$711 million to continue existing federal programs for coal liquefaction and gasification.

The Interior Appropriations bill also included \$82 million for the abandoned mine reclamation fund.

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