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U.S. REPRESENTATIVES RAHALL AND MIKULSKI TO ADDRESS WORLD COAL EXPORT CONFERENCE

Two Members of Congress with major roles in legislation affecting coal exporting and harbor improvements, Nick J. Rahall of West Virginia and Barbara A. Mikulski of Maryland, head a list of distinguished speakers who will address the Baltimore World Coal Export Conference on Nov. 17 and 18. Rep. Rahall serves as chairman of the House of Representatives Coal Group, and Rep. Mikulski is a leading proponent of deepening Baltimore Harbor.

The conference will deal with the major issues affecting the coal export market in 1984. Topics and speakers are as follows:

Export Coal Demand -- Constance D. Holmes, Executive Director, Coal Exporters Association; Albert Nemenz, Vice President, Jno. McCall Coal Export Company; and representatives from Finland, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Spain, and West Germany.

The Labor Outlook -- Richard L. Trumka, International President, United Mine Workers of America; and Joseph P. Brennan, President, Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

Inland Coal Transportation -- Jerry E. Gobrecht, Assistant Vice President for Coal Traffic, CSX Corp.; Warren G. Barber, Assistant Vice President for Open Top Hopper Traffic, Conrail; George H. Eatman, Executive Director, Slurry Transport Association; John A. Creedy, President, Water Transport Association; and James N. Heller, Publisher, Coal Transportation Report (moderator).

Coal Port Development -- W. Gregory Halpin, Maryland Port Administrator; J. Robert Bray, Executive Director, Virginia Port Authority; Col. Herbert R. Haar, Assistant Executive Director, Port of New Orleans; James Beddingfield, Assistant Vice President, Consolidation Coal Sales Company; and Charles N. Gilmore, President, Curtis Bay Company; and Hans F. Mayer, Chairman, Governor of Maryland's Coal Export Task Force (moderator).

Offshore "Topping Off" Projects -- Allen Childress, Director of International Ore and Coal Traffic, Norfolk Southern Railway Corp.; J. Frederick Petre, Senior Vice President, Canada Steamship Lines; and Dr. Joseph J. Yancik, Director of the Coal Export Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce (moderator).

Federal Legislative and Regulatory Prospects -- Thomas Altmeyer, Vice President for Government Relations, Mining and Reclamation Council; John H. Broadley, General Counsel, Interstate Commerce Commission; and Dr. Randal H. Ihara, Staff of U.S. Senate Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia.

The conference is co-sponsored by Coal Transportation Report and Energy Dialog Inc., in cooperation with the Maryland Port Administration, Governor of Maryland's Coal Export Task Force, and Greater Baltimore Committee. Further details may be obtained from John Lescroart (202/371-2126).

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