

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 28

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS, I HAVE BEEN PLEASED WITH THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING FUNDS FOR FLOOD PROTECTION IN THE TUG VALLEY.

ON MAY 22, THE HOUSE APPROVED LEGISLATION THAT CONTAINED \$10 MILLION FOR STRUCTURAL ASPECTS OF THE FLOOD PROJECT, SUCH AS: DESIGN AND PLANNING OF FLOODWALLS, CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION AND LAND ACQUISITION.

ON MAY 24, THE HOUSE APPROVED \$21 MILLION FOR THE TUG VALLEY FLOOD PROJECT, WITH \$13 MILLION OF THAT FIGURE EARMARKED FOR WEST VIRGINIA. THESE FUNDS WILL GO TO NON-STRUCTURAL ASPECTS OF THE OVER FLOOD PROJECT.

ANYONE WHO CALLS FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM "PORK-BARREL",
HAS NEVER HAD TO DIG MUD OUT OF THEIR LIVING ROOM. TOO MANY
FAMILIES IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA HAVE HAD TO DO THAT LATELY,
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AND WE CAN ONLY CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT THEM IN THE
FUTURE.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.