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Rahall Subcommittee to Hold Hearing in Welch

Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the House Interior Subcommittee on Mining and Natural Resources, of which Rahall serves as chairman, will conduct a field hearing in Welch on "John L. Lewis Day", Monday, April 1, 1985, on the health and safety aspects of coal mining.

"The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether health and safety technologies being developed by the Bureau of Mines are currently meeting the needs of the coal mining community, are being transmitted in a timely fashion to industry, and, to gain an assessment of the future needs of coal operators and labor in this area," Rahall stated.

The hearing will be held at the National Guard Armory, 600 Stewart Avenue, in Welch on Monday, April 1, from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm.

Chairman Rahall has invited representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, the West Virginia Coal Association, and the federal Bureau of Mines to appear before the Subcommittee at that time.

"In light of the great importance the people of McDowell County place on the health and safety of coal miners, I think Welch is the ideal location for this hearing," Rahall pointed out. "It will be open to the public and comes on the day commemorating the first eight-hour work day for coal miners -- John L. Lewis Day."