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RAHALL TO HOLD SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON COAL IMPORTS; CITES GOVERNMENT STUDY

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The study also found that constraints on coal imports are found consistently in every major coal-producing country but the United States.

"The findings of this study will be the focus of my Subcommittee hearing and substantiate claims I have been making that coal imports are on the rise and present a threat to the integrity of the domestic coal industry and coal miner jobs as well as to regions dependent on coal for their economic vitality," Rahall said. "It also lends credence to my argument that the U.S. is the odd man out in the world coal trade. We maintain an open market to imported coal while other major coal-producing countries have taken actions to limit the amount of foreign coal they will buy."

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 1986, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 1324 of the Longworth House Office Building. Expected to testify before Rahall's subcommittee are representatives of electric utilities which are currently purchasing foreign coal, the coal and railroad industries and the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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