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RAHALL ANNOUNCES PANELISTS FOR COAL IMPORT HEARING

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced the panelists for Tuesday's coal import hearing before his Subcommittee on Mining and Natural Resources. Representatives of the Reagan Administration, the United Mineworkers of America, and various coal and railroad industry officials will appear before Rahall's subcommittee on April 15 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 1324 of the Longworth House Office Building.

The participants are:

Lawrence A. Pettis, Acting Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy

Mike Browning, Vice President, United Mineworkers of America, District 17

Don McCamey, Vice President, United Mineworkers of America, District 28

Steve F. Leer, Vice President-Marketing, Ashland Coal, Inc. (on behalf of the West Virginia Mining and Reclamation Association and the Mining and Reclamation Council of America)

Richard D. Sanborn, President, CSX Transportation Distribution Services (accompanied by Frederick J. Murrell, Vice President-Coal Marketing, Chessie/seaboard System Railroads)

T.L. Baucom, Vice President-Fuel Procurement, Virginia Power

Tracy Denese, Vice President, Florida Power & Light (representing Jacksonville Electric Authority)

Glenn Schleede, President, New England Energy, Inc.

"The presence of the many distinguished members of the panel will no doubt give us great insight into the problems facing our coal industry and I am looking forward to discussing with these panelists the escalating influx of foreign coal invading the U.S.", Chairman Rahall stated. "Imported coal is costing American jobs and I am hopeful that this hearing will help us to devise a strategy to stop the flood of foreign coal into the U.S. before the tide becomes irreversible."