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RAHALL NAMED TO HOUSE/SENATE CONFERENCE ON WATER RESOURCES BILL

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) has been named as a conferee when the House and Senate meet to hammer out an agreement on a water resources bill which will fund a number of water projects in West Virginia, particularly along the Island Creek Basin in Logan County. Rahall was named a conferee for the section of the bill which will fund the Island Creek Basin project.

"I am pleased that the leadership recognizes the urgency to enact this flood protection for the people of Logan County and has agreed to my request to join the conference committee when the issue of the Island Creek project comes up," Rahall said. "I sponsored this project when it first came up in our subcommittee and I am happy to see its realization on the horizon. Flooding in the Island Creek Basin area has resulted in significant financial and personal loss over many years. Average annual damages in the basin are estimated to be \$11.8 million. The area has experienced significant flooding as recently as May of 1984, when approximately \$4 million in damages occurred. The people of Logan County are deserving of the relief from persistent, destructive flooding which this project will provide." The legislation authorizes \$70 million in funding for the Island Creek Basin project.

The conferees are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 20, in Washington.

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