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RAHALL SUPPORTIVE OF MERCER INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) has contacted the U.S. Economic Development Administration and issued his support of an application requesting funds for sewage line expansion to the Mercer County Industrial Development Park.

In a letter to John Corrigan, Regional Director of the U.S. EDA, Rahall stated that funds are being sought from the EDA, Appalachian Regional Commission and local investments and a number of jobs will be created.

"The pre-application submitted to the U.S. EDA seeks \$1 million in EDA funding to be matched with \$750,000 in ARC funds and a local match of \$948,750," Rahall stated. "An anticipated 295 jobs will be initially created by this expansion, which will provide a tremendous boost to the area."

According to Rahall, the expansion is a central recommendation of a marketing study conducted by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Rahall's action comes the same day he spoke in support of H.R. 2686, a measure passed by the House that reauthorized funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission and the U.S. Economic Development Authority through fiscal year 1990.