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RAHALL ANNOUNCES E.D.A. ACTION FOR MERCER COUNTY

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the U.S. Economic Development Administration has cleared the way for the construction of water system in Mercer County that will mean eventually more than 460 jobs in the area.

"The Economic Development Administration has authorized Mercer County's application for \$525,344 for construction of a water system in the Halls Ridge Road area," Rep. Rahall said. "This will eventually service an industrial development project which will employ in excess of 460 people."

The project will be located in Mercer County near the junction of Route 460 and Interstate 77.

"I am very encouraged by the action by E.D.A. in authorizing this application. An authorization of application is tantamount to approval," Rahall explained. "This will be a shot in the arm for Mercer County and the surrounding area as we continue expanding our industrial and economic base."

Rep. Nick Rahall will address Coal Summit II, on Friday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Lexington, Kentucky, at the Hyatt Hotel. Rahall is appearing at the invitation of Senator Wendell Ford of Kentucky and will address the gathering on the topic "Energy As Seen From Washington". The summit is sponosred by the Kentucky Energy Cabinet.