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WORK RESUMES ON LOGAN AIRPORT, RAHALL SAYS

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced that he has been informed by the Federal Aviation Administration that work on the Logan County Airport has resumed and the project will be completed without further delay, giving Logan County a mountaintop air facility in Ethel.

"The airport is being built on a strip mine and is being constructed as the coal is being mined," Rahall said. "The problem arose when the F.A.A. threatened to withdraw federal funds if the project wasn't completed in what they call a 'timely manner'. Anyone dealing with coal knows that the market fluctuates and at times coal cannot be sold. That is the case in Ethel where the coal could not be sold and work could not be continued on the airport. The F.A.A. has now said it will not withdraw funds and that is good news for the people of Logan County and Southern West Virginia."

Rahall said an airport in the Logan area would make the region more accessible and help rejuvenate its economy.

"We are all well aware of how vital an airport can be to a community," Rahall commented. "The completion of this airport can bolster some of the Logan area's transportation needs and contribute to the revitalization of the local economy."

At the current time, Logan County's only airport is a grass strip located near the river in Taplin, between Logan and Man.