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RAHALL SAYS TRADE READJUSTMENT APPROVALS TO AID MCDOWELL MINERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today the approval of Trade Readjustment Assistance applications by the U.S. Department of Labor for several mining operations in McDowell County.

The TRA approval allows workers laid off as a result of foreign competition to receive benefits including extended unemployment compensation, training funds and job search and relocation allowances.

The mines affected are the U.S. Steel Gary numbers 2, 4, 9, 14 ^{+ Maitland} and the Alpheus Preparation Plant, all in McDowell County.

"The approval of the TRA applications will certainly aid McDowell County Miners," Rahall said. "Many McDowell County miners lost their jobs as the result of unfair trade tactics and it is our duty to help them regain their jobs or receive training for new careers."

Approximately 800 U.S. Steel workers laid off since October 22, 1985 will be eligible for benefits.

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