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RAHALL SAYS WEST VIRGINIA GETS \$24 MILLION FOR AML RECLAMATION PROJECTS

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement has awarded an abandoned mine reclamation construction grant of \$24.1 million to the State of West Virginia.

Rahall said U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Don Hodel has informed him that West Virginia's grant is one of the largest given a state.

"The \$24.1 million award means that West Virginia is now in a position to restore land and water resources affected by abandoned mines," Rahall said. "It is also a sign that we on the federal level are fighting for funds to keep West Virginia beautiful for generations to come by mitigating the health, safety and environmental threats posed by orphaned coal mine lands."

The grant will go towards projects in 15 West Virginia counties.

Listed below are the AML projects to be undertaken:

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Bob Stiegel

- ✓ Logan County - Omar; Accoville; Baber
- ✓ Mingo County - Borderland
- ✓ Raleigh County - Berry; Raleigh
- ✓ Wyoming County - Covel; Iroquois
- Barbour County - Dorsey Grower
- Fayette County - Longacre; Mahan No. 2; Milburn; Sawyer; Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- Greenbrier County - Marfrance
- Harrison County - Belcastro; Gloria Lee; Railroad Trestke; Shipplett
- Kanawha County - Tucker; Campbell; Graley
- Marion County - Higginbotham; Dakota
- Monongalia County - New Hill; Superior; Airport
- Ohio County - Glen's Run
- Preston County - Ruthbelle; Muddy Creek; Kyle
- Randolph County - Beaver Creek
- Upshur County - Pringle