

PRICHARD

STATEMENT OF REP. NICK RAHALL
PRICHARD LANDFILL APPLICATION/WASTE MANAGEMENT
JULY 29, 1988

Obviously, I am concerned, along with many of our citizens in the State of West Virginia, about the continuing and growing issue of out of state waste collectors attempting to use our valleys as disposal sites. However, I, as a federal representative, have no jurisdiction in this matter, and I have no authority in granting or denying a permit. I believe the officials on the local level must scrutinize each permit application, as they have the authority to make the decision.

I have discussed this application with officials of Waste Management, Inc., asking that they take into consideration the assurances of the health, safety, and peace of mind of the area residents, as well as maintaining the environment of the Prichard area. Until such information and ironclad assurances are provided to the area's residents, of whom I have the high honor of representing, I must oppose this application, and any other in the state, which does not include such assurances and which does not hold companies liable in such instances where their written promises to the people have not been kept.