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RAHALL ANNOUNCES WEST VIRGINIA
RECEIVES \$600,000 FOR AML EMERGENCY PROGRAM

WASHINGTON DC, - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced the U.S. Department's Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) has awarded West Virginia a \$600,000 abandoned mine lands (AML) grant to provide funding for anticipated emergency projects at abandoned coal mines throughout the state.

An AML emergency exists when an abandoned coal mine causes imminent danger to life and/or property, such as a slide from an old surface mine blocking a highway or subsidence from a collapsing underground mine damaging a home.

"I am very pleased with this announcement, knowing the importance these funds will have for many dangerous situations which may occur in West Virginia." Rahall said.

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OSMRE **FACT SHEET**

U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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