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RAHALL ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR S.O.A.P.

WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced that West Virginia has received a \$111,964 grant from the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) for the state's Small Coal Operator's Assistance Program (SOAP).

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