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RAHALL WANTS WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STATIONS FULLY FUNDED

BECKLEY WV -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) recently joined a number of his colleagues in requesting funding from the House Appropriations' Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary to continue full-time operation of National Weather Service field offices and stations in Beckley, Huntington, Elkins, and Parkersburg, West Virginia.

"These stations are vital to preserve air safety in this nation, not to mention the public service they provide to communities and rural areas through their weather reporting. I strongly support additional funding in FY 1990 for \$39.4 million to maintain these offices." Rahall said.

Earlier this year, the Bush Administration proposed closing several weather stations around the nation because of budgetary constraints. Because of Congressional opposition, supported by ample information documenting the need for the stations, the Department of Commerce agreed to forgo station closures for the time being. Congress must provide the necessary additional funding above the Administration's original request for FY 1990 to keep the stations operating.

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