

News
From _____

CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1989

CONTACT: T. KENT KEYSER
ACTING PRESS
SECRETARY

PHONE: (202) 225-3452

RAHALL ANNOUNCES OSMRE GRANT TO WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. REP. NICK RAHALL (D-W.VA.) TODAY ANNOUNCED THE U. S. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT HAS AWARDED WEST VIRGINIA'S SMALL COAL OPERATOR'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SOAP) \$73,871.

SOAP HELPS COAL OPERATORS PRODUCING LESS THAN 100,000 TONS ANNUALLY WITH THE COSTS OF OBTAINING DATA FOR THEIR MINING PERMIT APPLICATIONS. THE DATA INCLUDE HYDROLOGICAL EVALUATIONS AND THE RESULTS OF TEST BORINGS OR CORE SAMPLINGS.

- 30 -



OSMRE **FACT SHEET**

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

JUL 14 1989

OSMRE AWARDS WEST VIRGINIA \$73,871 FOR

SMALL COAL OPERATORS ASSISTANCE

West Virginia has received a \$73,871 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).

SOAP helps coal operators producing less than 100,000 tons annually with the costs of obtaining data for their mining permit applications. The data include hydrological evaluations and the results of test borings or core samplings.

-DOI-