



U.S. Congressman  
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*WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*

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**RAHALL ANNOUNCES AWARD FOR AML EMERGENCY PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, II (D-WV) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING (OSM) HAS AWARDED WEST VIRGINIA A \$700,000 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 THAT THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED," SAID RAHALL.

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