



U.S. Congressman  
**Nick Rahall**  
*WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*

*Store  
brent!  
ms*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: STEPHEN SPINA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1989

PHONE: (202) 225-3452

RAHALL ANNOUNCES A MILLION MORE FROM OSM

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, II (D-WV) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING (OSM) HAS AWARDED A GRANT TO THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA FOR \$1 MILLION TO HELP REGULATE THE SURFACE EFFECTS OF COAL MINING.

THE \$1 MILLION GRANT WILL BE MATCHED BY THE STATE FOR A TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$2.1 MILLION TO PAY INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS. THESE COSTS INCLUDE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, TRANSPORTATION, AND SALARIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

"WITH WEST VIRGINIA RANKED THIRD AMONG COAL PRODUCING STATES LAST YEAR, THESE FUNDS ARE VITAL IN ENSURING THAT OUR MINED LANDS ARE RECLAIMED, OUR ENVIRONMENT IS PROTECTED, AND OUR VALUABLE COAL RESOURCES ARE RECOVERED," SAID RAHALL.

--30--



# OSMRE NEWS RELEASE

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

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING

For Release SEP 29 1989

Jerry Childress (202) 343-4719

OSM AWARDS WEST VIRGINIA \$1 MILLION  
TO REGULATE SURFACE EFFECTS OF COAL MINING

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced that a \$1,068,479 grant to help the State of West Virginia regulate the surface effects of coal mining has been awarded by the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining (OSM).

"West Virginia is one of our major coal producing states," Lujan said. "This grant will help West Virginia continue to work effectively with the coal industry to ensure our mined lands are reclaimed, our environment is protected and our valuable coal resources are recovered efficiently."

The \$1,068,479 grant will be matched by the state for a total of more than \$2.1 million to pay inspection and enforcement costs. The costs include equipment, supplies, transportation, and salaries for state program employees.

West Virginia ranked third among coal producing states last year with an output of more than 143.7 million tons.

-DOI-