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PRESS RELEASE

## **RAHALL ANNOUNCES EPA GRANTS FOR WEST VIRGINIA**

Huntington, W.VA. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced two grant awards from the U.S. Environmental Protection agency for the WV Department of Natural Resources and the WV Air Pollution Control Commission.

The WV Department of Natural Resources will receive \$880,886 through the LUST Program for continued opperations. The LUST program or the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program assists states in with resolving damaged underground storage facilities which contain harmful substances to water tables or area soil. This grant is contingent upon the continued availability of federal funds.

The WV Air Pollution Control Commission will receive \$905,091 in EPA funding for support of its continued operation of its air pollution control program.

Rahall praised the EPA grants as, "a continued federal commitment to the Nation's environmental needs. Both these programs will assist West Virginia in maintaining a necessary high standard of clean air and water. Protecting our environment protects our future."

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