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WEST VIRGINIA RECEIVES \$854,154 FOR MINE RECLAMATION

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the U.S. Department of the Interior's office of Surface Mining has awarded West Virginia \$854,154 for abandoned mine reclamation projects. This grant brings West Virginia's total funding to \$238.2 million under this program.

Rahall, who is the senior ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee, said "These projects are very important to West Virginia. They allow us to keep jobs in West Virginia and at the same time maintain our pristine mountains and rivers."

Mine reclamation projects are financed by fees coal producers pay on each ton of coal that is mined. Coal mined on the surface is charged 35 cents per ton and coal mined from below the surface is charged 15 cents per ton.

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