



U.S. Congressman  
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*WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*

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**RAHALL ANNOUNCES MILLIONS MORE FROM OSM**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that West Virginia has received 2.76 million from the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) to help the state reclaim the land effected by past mining practices.

"This grant brings the total of money awarded to West Virginia by OSM to more than \$34 million," said Rahall. "\$34 million to keep our state safe and to protect the standard of living for all West Virginians."

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OSM AWARDS WEST VIRGINIA \$2,761,307 TO  
REGULATE SURFACE EFFECTS OF COAL MINING

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan announced today that a \$2,761,307 grant to help the State of West Virginia regulate the surface effects of coal mining has been awarded by Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM).

"This grant from the Interior Department will strengthen the state's regulatory program and promote environmentally sound coal production, including prompt, effective land reclamation," Lujan said. "We share the commitment of West Virginia and the coal industry to keep land reclamation a high-priority component of today's coal mining process."

OSM Director Harry M. Snyder said OSM's financial support for state surface mining programs is a central feature of state-federal environmental partnerships. "OSM matches state program costs dollar for dollar," Snyder said. "That underwrites our commitment to environmentally sound coal mining while enabling state regulators to exercise the lead role in enforcing the surface mining law."

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The grant announced today brings to more than \$34 million the amount West Virginia has received in regulatory support grants from OSM.