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CORPS TO BEGIN PROTECTION EFFORT FOR KENOVA WATER TREATMENT PLANT

HUNTINGTON, WV -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers has undertaken a project to ensure the future protection of the Kenova Municipal Water Treatment Plant. Construction of the \$537,000 project will begin on April 22nd.

The plant has been threatened in recent years by soil erosion. Officials had been worried that drain lines, intake pipes, a drying bed levee, and perimeter fencing, already damaged by the Big Sandy, could be damaged to the extent that a forced closing of the plant would be necessary.

Rep. Rahall, a leading advocate in the call for clean water who aided the City of Kenova with their bid, applauded the measure, "We, in this country, have a basic right to safe water supplies. That means not only increasing the number of facilities but also maintaining the ones that we have. The Corps is taking the necessary steps to insure the latter."

The City of Kenova asked the Corps for help last April because further damage might result in a stoppage of service to the 13,000 customers in western West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

An agreement between the City of Kenova and the Huntington District has been worked out with the city paying 25 percent of the total cost. The contractor for the project is the Alan Stone Co.

"I applaud the speedy efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers. This was a project that just could not wait," said Rahall.

Rahall is a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee. He also sits on the subcommittee on Water Resources.

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HUNTINGTON, WV. April 7, 1991... The Corps of Engineers under the Emergency Streambank Protection Program will begin construction April 22 to protect the Kenova Municipal Water Treatment Plant.

The plant, adjacent to the Big Sandy River 5 miles above its confluence with the Ohio River, is endangered by river bank failure and soil erosion caused by the rise and fall of the river during flooding. Drain lines, intake pipes, a drying bed levee, and perimeter fencing have already been damaged by the erosion. Other operational aspects of the plant are critically endangered.

The City of Kenova asked the Corps for help last April because further damage to the facility could stop the water supply to the 13,000 customers in western W.V. and eastern Ky.

A fast-track schedule was set in motion to design the project and secure federal funding. A cooperative agreement was signed by the City of Kenova and the Huntington District to cost share the emergency project with the city paying 25% of the total \$537,000 cost.

The contractor, Alan Stone Co. of Chesterhill, Ohio, will excavate materials from the 630 ft bank and replace it with sandy bedding material, geotextile filter cloth and a heavy layer of stone. The streambank protection should be completed in 5 weeks.