



U.S. Congressman
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RAHALL ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR WATER TREATMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the Region I Planning and Development Council has received \$66,944 in federal funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Region I will match those funds with \$30,225 for a total project cost of \$97,169.

"This funding is earmarked for small rural communities to help them develop new ways to treat wastewater," said Rahall.

11 of the 33 communities within Region I are currently under a consent decree from the West Virginia DNR and the Attorney General's office to construct sanitary sewer systems in accordance with the Clean Water Act of 1988.

Rahall, a ranking Member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Water Resources Subcommittee, has been a leading advocate for clean water programs. He currently has legislation pending that would return states to the Title II Wastewater Treatment Grant Program, which was replaced by the State Revolving Loan Fund.

"Clean water is a right that all Americans deserve, it is not a privilege that they should take out loans to accomplish," said Rahall. "We cannot allow the Federal Government to wash their hands of a national responsibility."

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PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Project No. and Title: (WV-10426-91-C2-302-0328) Region I PDC Wastewater Alternative Technologies, Multi County, Phase II, West Virginia

Grantee: Region I Planning & Development Council

Funding:
ARC: \$ 66,944
Federal:
Non-Federal:
State:
Local: 30,225
Total: \$97,169

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WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The Appalachian Regional Commission announced today approval of \$66,944 to help implementation of an innovative program to assist small rural communities to utilize alternative technologies for treatment of wastewater.

Eleven of thirty-three communities within Region 1 PDC area are currently under a consent decree from West Virginia DNR and the Attorney General's office to construct sanitary sewer systems in accordance with the Clean Water Act of 1988. This project represents Phase II of the Program, to identify and adopt appropriate technologies that will result in affordable wastewater treatment for these eleven (11) communities.

In addition to the \$66,944 grant by the Appalachian Regional Commission, Region I Planning and Development Council will also contribute \$30,225 to this project for a total of \$97,169.