





West Virginia Abandoned Mine Land Sites

LEGEND

-  Rivers
-  Abandoned Mine Land
-  Selected Watershed
-  West Virginia

Data Source: WVDEP 2002



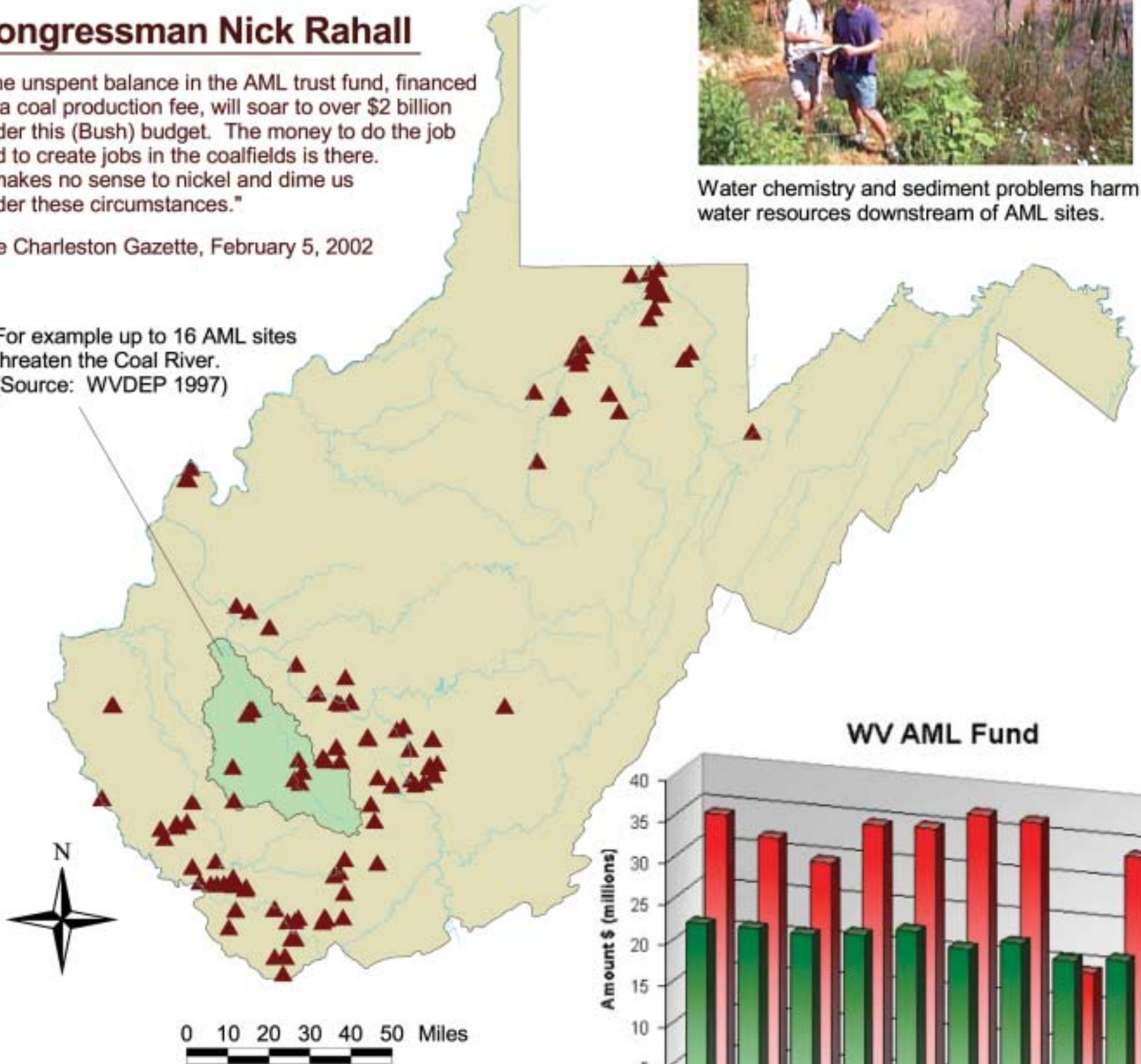
Water chemistry and sediment problems harm water resources downstream of AML sites.

Congressman Nick Rahall

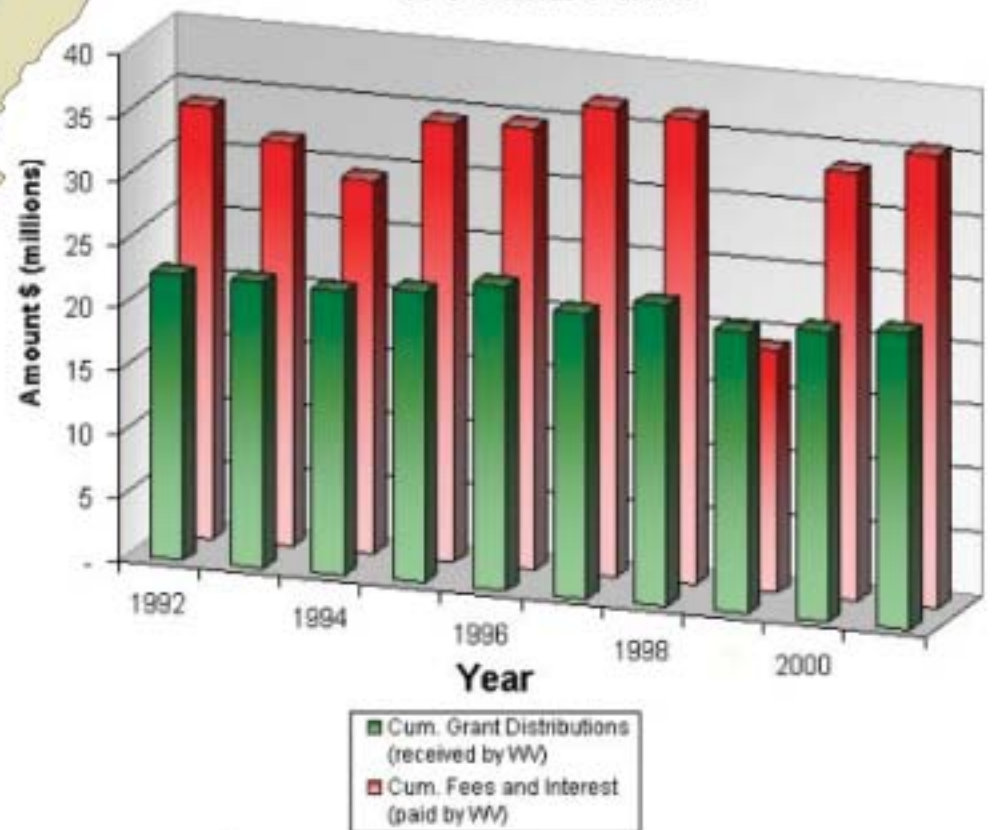
"The unspent balance in the AML trust fund, financed by a coal production fee, will soar to over \$2 billion under this (Bush) budget. The money to do the job and to create jobs in the coalfields is there. It makes no sense to nickel and dime us under these circumstances."

The Charleston Gazette, February 5, 2002

For example up to 16 AML sites threaten the Coal River. (Source: WVDEP 1997)



WV AML Fund



Over \$97 million in fees and interest paid by WV have not been returned to the state in the past decade.

WV has provided 10's of millions of dollars in fees and interest that have not been returned to the state. These AML sites have plagued WV since 1977.

OSM data shows 2,371 AML sites in West Virginia, which includes buildings, shafts, and equipment. (OSM Report of WV, 2001). WVDEP data shown are for 185 of these sites (1997).

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