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UDALL ANNOUNCES HEARINGS ON LONG-TERM IMPACT OF COAL USE

Rep. Morris K. Udall (D-Ariz.), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment announced today that hearings on the long-term economic, environmental and social uses of coal will be held on Thursday, June 9, 1977.

Rep. Paul E. Tsongas (D-Mass.) will chair the hearings. Tsongas said, "the problems of production, distribution and consumption of coal will place constraints on its future uses."

Tsongas added, "We must establish priority uses for coal and examine the trade-offs based on what the environment can stand in the next thirty years."

Tsongas said, "these oversight hearings will put in perspective the benefits and costs of increased coal production and consumption versus alternative energy resources such as nuclear, solar and conservation."

Appearing before the Subcommittee will be John F. O'Leary, Administrator, Federal Energy Administration; Dr. James L. Liverman, Assistant Administrator for Environment and Safety, ERDA; Mr. Noel A.

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Clark, Chairman, Western Interstate Nuclear Board; Dr. Richard Balzhiser, Director for Fossil Energy and Advanced Systems, Electric Power Research Institute, Mr. John McCormack, Washington Representative, Environmental Policy Center; and Mr. Edward J. King, President, The New England Council.

Udall, who is also Chairman of the full Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs said the June 9th hearings will convene at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1324 of the Longworth House Office Building.

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