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**Murray Energy Applauds President Trump's Repeal of the  
Obama Administration's So-Called Stream Protection Rule**

The ownership, management, and employees of Murray Energy Corporation (“Murray Energy”) are extremely pleased that President Donald J. Trump has announced that he will sign the repeal of the Obama Administration’s illegal and job killing so-called Stream Protection Rule (“Rule”), as recently passed by the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives. This Rule banned the utilization of longwall and other mining systems beneath dry ditches, which are often 1,000 feet below the surface, for no environmental benefit whatsoever.

Mr. Robert E. Murray, Murray Energy’s Founder, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, stated “President Trump has followed through on his promise to repeal this illegal and job-killing Stream Protection Rule, which was the single greatest threat to the jobs and family livelihoods of our employees that I have seen in my sixty (60) years of coal mining experience. I applaud President Trump’s initiative and leadership in protecting these coal jobs and affordable electricity for all Americans.”

Mr. Murray further stated that “This unlawful and destructive Rule, as promulgated by the Obama Administration, was nothing but a thinly-veiled attempt to destroy our Nation’s underground coal mines and put our Nation’s coal miners out of work. Indeed, this Rule was illegally taken from the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, in which Congress specifically said, at least three (3) times, that the law applies only to surface coal mining. This repeal will also prevent years of litigation, where we would have ultimately prevailed in having this illegal Rule overturned by the Courts.”

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“We look forward to President Donald J. Trump signing this repeal, and preserving these American jobs and affordable, reliable electricity for all Americans. We would also like to thank Congressman Bill Johnson (R-OH) for his leadership in effectuating this repeal, as well as the support of many other members of Congress,” Mr. Murray continued. “This repeal will protect underground coal mining, which is, by far, the most environmentally acceptable way of mining coal.”

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