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EPA HEAD COSTLE INTERESTED IN VISITING KANSAS TO VIEW WASTE SITES

TOPEKA-- Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Douglas Costle is likely to be coming to Kansas soon to personally inspect toxic waste sites in the state.

"We have not worked out the details in terms of Mr. Costle's schedule, but he indicated a willingness to come to Kansas in reponse to an invitation I extended this week. I think it is of vital importance to our state that the head of the E.P.A. take an active interest in the potential problems hazardous waste sites might pose to our citizens," Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) announced in Topeka Friday evening.

34 Kansas Sites

The E.P.A. recently indicated that there are at least 34 sites in Kansas with potential hazardous waste problems.

In a meeting attended by Dole, Costle and Senator Nancy Kassebaum on Wednesday, the E.P.A. Administrator announced that three toxic waste sites in the Kansas City, Kansas, area will be eligible for clean-up funds under the Clean Water Act. The amount earmarked for the clean-up is \$1.25 million.

Today E.P.A. officials met with Dole staffers in Washington and indicated that a further 3 sites in the Kansas City area will be eligible for an as yet undetermined amount of federal money for clean-up.