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DOLE AID LEAVES TO JOIN NATIONAL WATER ALLIANCE

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that Wichita native Nancy Olson, formerly of his staff, is joining the National Water Alliance (NWA) as the Director of Professional Resources. Olson will coordinate the efforts of the members of the Board of Directors and the entire membership of the Alliance in the development of policy programs and activities. Senator Dole is a founding member of the Alliance, and serves on its Executive Committee.

"Water is our most essential natural resource. That would seem to be too obvious to need stating, except that we have never treated water as scarce or valuable," said Dole. "The Alliance is an important first step towards answering many of the water problems faced throughout the country."

Serving as the primary contact person in the National Water Alliance for members initiating or participating in NWA programs, Ms. Olson is currently planning and coordinating the following National Water Alliance conferences: Washington, D.C., September 11 and 12, entitled "Water Policy Trends and the Role of Supporting Research"; and New Orleans, La. on October 10-13, 1984, where the NWA will chair sessions of "World Water Watch," jointly sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Atlantic Richfield Co., and the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition.

Olson is also planning conferences for the spring and summer of 1985. The spring symposium in Kansas City will focus on rural water concerns while the summer conference in New York City will center on municipal water problems.

Olson served on Senator Dole's Washington staff beginning in 1981. As a special assistant, she was responsible for Senator Dole's activities as a founding member of the National Water Alliance, as well as for other special projects and legislative assistance. In this capacity, she was an active participant in the early planning and programs of the Alliance. Prior to moving to Washington, D.C., Olson was Administrative Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners in Wichita.

Olson has a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Kansas. She then completed several graduate courses at the Center for Urban Studies at Wichita State University. Currently, she is pursuing a Masters of Public Administration at George Washington University in the evening program.