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**DOLE ANNOUNCES SENATE APPROVAL OF KANSAS ENERGY AND WATER  
PROJECTS: COURTLAND CANAL PROJECT; KANOPOLIS  
LAKE STUDY, SALINA; NEW ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER AT KU**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced Senate approval to fund three Kansas projects including \$1.1 million for the Bureau of Reclamation's Courtland Canal lining project, \$250,000 for a study of raising the pool at Kanopolis Lake to develop additional water supply storage for the city of Salina and \$50,000 to begin plans for a new University of Kansas Energy Research and Technology Transfer Center.

The funding was approved last night by the Senate during passage of the FY1993 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The measure now goes to a joint House/Senate conference committee before final passage by both houses.

**COURTLAND CANAL LINING PROJECT - \$1.1 MILLION**

Under the direction of the Bureau of Reclamation, the funding would be used to complete the specifications and to award Phase 2 of the Courtland Canal lining project.

"The Courtland Canal is a vital source of water for many Kansas farmers. That's why this project is so important -- providing needed water for irrigation in Kansas fields, and ensuring that canal water doesn't seep into Nebraska fields," Dole said.

**KANOPOLIS LAKE STUDY, SALINA - \$250,000**

The Senate approved \$250,000 to fund a study, to be undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, of raising the pool at Kanopolis Lake to develop additional water supply storage for the city of Salina. The study would determine the environmental and technical feasibility of the proposal, researching issues including the capability of the dam to support additional water, the problem of sedimentation, the quality of water in the lake and the question of whether there are adequate inflows to support a higher pool level.

"This study is important in helping the City of Salina's search for a larger supply of safe and reliable water. The study should help the city determine the environmental and technical feasibility of using Kanopolis Lake to meet its increasing demand for water," said Dole.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ENERGY RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER -  
\$50,000**

The funding would be used for the planning and design phase for a new Energy Research and Technology Center. The center would serve as a site for geological and engineering research, developing technology to recover the remaining oil, gas and coal bed methane in Kansas fields.

"No doubt about it, one of the ways Kansas can play a role in American energy self-sufficiency is through retrieval of the remaining oil, gas and coal bed methane in our state and throughout the midcontinent region. This research center could be an important player in developing new technology to increase domestic energy production," said Dole.

The University of Kansas estimates \$7 million for the cost of a research center.

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