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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS FOSSIL FUEL RESEARCH PROJECT APPROVED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate late Tuesday approved Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request of \$1 million for a petroleum data base demonstration project at the University of Kansas. The project, which would develop a "petroleum atlas" to help recover petroleum resources, was included in the 1995 Interior Department Appropriations Bill expected to be approved by the Senate today. The bill will go to a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

"The remaining untapped oil and gas in the Northern Midcontintent Region is substantial. The development of a petroleum data base and information management system has been a priority for the University of Kansas," said Dole. "My hope is that this project will be valuable in providing high-tech scientific information for the Department of Energy and independent operators necessary for petroleum recovery," added Dole.

Upon final approval, this funding would allow for the development of a "petroleum atlas," utilizing existing oil field data and the University's digital data and mapping resources, under the Department of Energy's Fossil Fuel Research and Development Enhanced Oil Recovery Program.