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WASHINGTON, D.C., JAN. 28, 1971 --- Senators James B. Pearson and Bob Dole and Rep. Joe Skubitz today announced that the SEE-KAN Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) project has been selected by the Secretary of Agriculture as one of ten new areas to be provided with program assistance in fiscal 1971. 12

A joint statement from the three Republicans stated:

This decision means the SEE-KAN RC&D plan has been approved and the project now qualifies for operational assistance.

Federal agencies will be encouraged to speed up their programs of technical assistance, watershed development, loans to farmers and non-profit organizations, and to work together with local groups in carrying out the purposes of the project application.

The project includes Allen, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson counties. Its application was sponsored by the county commissioners and soil conservation districts of all these counties. The area comprises more than three million acres of farmland.