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Washington, D. C., May 19, 1971 -- Senators James B. Pearson and Robert Dole, and Congressman Larry Winn announced today the approval of a National Science Foundation grant to the University of Kansas for study of the effects of air pollution along the Kansas City-Topeka corridor.

The 18-month, \$199,000 grant will provide funding to determine the degree of atmospheric pollution along the 100 mile long corridor. The grant also includes provisions to fund a program to assess the societal effects of air pollution in the region.

In a joint statement, the three members of the Kansas delegation praised approval of the grant, saying that this was a "great step towards full recognition of a problem which threatens not only Kansas, but the whole Nation as well. This allocation of funds is sorely needed to combat the levels of air pollutants which have risen in regions with high population and industrial growth rates in recent years. The results of this study will provide the basis for scientifically sound methods for pollution control in future years."