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FUNDS FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL TO KANSAS COMMUNITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today announced that he has sponsored legislation to assure that \$8 million in federal water pollution control funds will be available to Kansas communities.

Anti-pollution legislation passed by Congress in 1972 provided for up to 55 per cent federal reimbursement for the costs for publicly-owned sewage treatment works built from July, 1966 through June, 1972. "This provision," Dole said, "was intended to recognize and reward the initiative of states such as Kansas which were active in controlling pollution before the federal law was strengthened."

However, regulations proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency in June, 1973, would allocate \$1.9 billion in reimbursement funds to only one caiss of project. The result would be that 24 states, including Kansas, would fail to receive any reimbursement.

"These regulations are clearly unfair and in conflict, at least, with the intent of the law", Dole said. "As a member of the Air and Water Pollution Committee which drafted the original law, I know there was no intent to deny funds to qualified states."

"Kansas has had an ongoing water pollution control program for many years, and I supported the reimbursement provisions of the federal law in the belief that they would provide significant assistance to the Kansas program," Dole added.

The bill is being introduced today by Senator Jennings Randolph, of West Virginia, who is Chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee, Senator Dole, and more than 16 other Senators. Early consideration of the bill is expected.