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DOLE ANNOUNCES KANOPOLIS HEARINGS IN SENATE

Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Senate Interior Subcommittee on Water Resources will hold public hearings on May 6 in Washington on reauthorization of the Kanopolis Irrigation Unit. The project is a part of the Pick-Sloane Missouri Basin Program, and is expected to provide a major water supply for 20,000 acres of land immediately below the existing Kanopolis Reservoir.

The Kanopolis Irrigation Unit also promises to be a significant source of municipal and industrial water supply for surrounding communities, including Salina and McPherson. Total construction cost of the Bureau of Reclamation project is estimated to be \$26,530,000. The Bureau suggests that annual benefits from the project will exceed estimated annual costs by some \$5,390,200.

Senator Dole has supported the proposed irrigation unit project since its inception several years ago, and he has called the project "an important job-producing and food-producing" unit for Central Kansas. The project is also supported by other members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation, as well as by the Kansas Water Resources Board.