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DOLE SEEKS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AT FURLEY WASTE SITE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) today requested the Environmental Protection Agency to use the full powers of the office to remedy potentially serious problems at the Furley hazerdous waste dump near Wichita.

In letters to the Administrator of the EPA, Anne M. Gorsuch, and EPA Region Seven Administrator John Franke, Senator Dole called for immediate action to assess the dangers and possible solutions at Kansas' only licensed hazerdous waste site.

"It is vital that the full powers of the Environmental Protection Agency be available to the people of Kansas. Prompt resolution of this situation is a matter of great personal concern. I am asking the EPA to stay on top of the Furley problems at the state and federal level to ensure that remedial action is swift and effective," Dole said.

Senator Dole has scheduled a meeting with Regional Administrator John Franke tomorrow in the Senator's Washington office. In the letter to the EPA officials, Dole asked the Agency to provide the technical assistance necessary to monitor the hazerdous waste situation at Furley.

Besides the safety of Kansans, Senator Dole also voiced concerns about the impact to industries across the state that rely on the Furley site to safely and legally dispose of the naturally hazerdous bi-products of industry.

"I have asked the EPA to closely monitor compliance with federal standards at the Furley waste site so there is a guarantee that not only the citizens of Kansas are protected, but that vital businesses in Kansas have protection as well," said Dole.