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K.U. GETS \$1.7 MILLION FOR OIL RECOVERY STUDY

NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL BOOST PRODUCTION FROM AGING WELLS

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole today announced that the University of Kansas will head up one of 14 teams selected by the U.S. Department of Energy to find better ways to recover oil from aging wells in Kansas.

Dole, who worked closely with the Department of Energy to secure the funding, praised the selection of K.U., calling it "good news to all those concerned about getting the most from our nation's energy resources."

"K.U. is a leader in the area of oil recovery research, Dole said, "The Energy Research Center and the Department of Energy project will give the small independent operators the technical help they need to regain some of our state's extensive energy resources."

The University's Energy Research Center will receive \$1.7 million dollars in federal matching funds to carry out Phase I of a 3-phase demonstration project to test current and new techniques to increase oil production in the Cherokee and Morrow sandstone reservoirs. The oil in these reservoirs is trapped by sediments in the soil which make drilling and recovery difficult.

If successful, the new technologies are expected to increase oil production in Kansas from these wells to almost one million barrels per day. In the future, these methods will be used in oil fields which would otherwise have been abandoned.

The other members of the team include James E. Russell Petroleum, Inc. of Chanute, Franklin D. Gaines Oil Trust of Augusta, Hammersmith Energy Group of Horton, Black-Travis, Inc. of Ottawa and Sharon Resources, Inc. of Englewood, CO.

Dole also helped K.U. win \$500,000 in last year's Interior Appropriations bill for oil recovery research.

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