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DOLE ANNOUNCES \$702,127 FOR KANSAS' ABANDONED MINE  
LANDS RECLAMATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the state of Kansas will receive 3 grants totaling \$702,127 to assist with the state's abandoned mine lands (AML) reclamation program. The grants are from the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM).

"Having seen these safety hazards firsthand, I know how critical it is for Kansas to get this federal funding. Parents have enough to worry about when their kids are outside, so let's seal off these potential underground killers as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, these grants will also help return mine-scarred land to more productive uses, which is why I've been urging the Interior Department to okay this valuable safety and reclamation project," said Dole.

The three grants are as follows:

\$443,010 - to administer the state's abandoned mine lands (AML) reclamation program. Funds will assist in paying Kansas' AML administrative costs including supplies, equipment and transportation.

\$153,071 - to fund anticipated AML emergency projects at abandoned coal mines throughout the state. An AML emergency exists when an abandoned coal mine causes imminent danger to life and/or property, such as a slide from an old surface mine blocking a highway or subsidence from a collapsing underground mine damaging a home.

\$106,046 - to assist with state regulation of the surface effects of coal mining. The grant pays half of Kansas' inspection and enforcement costs including, equipment, supplies and transportation.

In February, 1992, Senator Dole secured \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help fund the Rural Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project (RAMP).

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