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DOLE URGES COMPLETION OF FURLEY SITE TESTS --
"REVIEW DEADLINE IS APPROACHING"

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole today urged immediate testing of Furley area wells for toxic substances before the September review of the clean-up effort.

"We quickly approach the September deadline for the Furley site management, Chemical Waste Management, to propose either a closing plan or a reopening application. I would not be comfortable with the reopening of the Furley waste site until several unanswered questions are resolved. Most recently, the topic of alleged dioxin contamination in area well number 220 has been raised. I understand that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) failed to test well 220 during a recent round of tests. I would urge an immediate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) testing of well number 220 and other sites reportedly located near the burial site of toxic substances."

"In addition, I would urge the EPA to commence testing of inorganic materials in the area for harmful substances which may have spread from the Furley site," said Dole. "Area residents have urged the expansion of testing to include inorganics in addition to organics. EPA has expressed agreement with this suggestion, and now awaits KDHE action to begin testing of inorganic substances."

"I urge the KDHE and EPA to alleviate these concerns immediately," said Dole. "We are now within 30 days of the September review of the clean-up efforts. Any decision made at that time must be based upon complete information."