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DOLE REQUESTS IMMEDIATE DIOXIN TESTING AT FURLEY

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today requested that the Environmental Protection Agency immediately conduct additional testing at the Furley waste site to determine the extent of the dioxin contamination.

"I am advised by the EPA that the test results, indicating the presence of dioxin, are being evaluated by an independent source and they will receive the results of that evaluation in the next day or two. In the meantime, I have asked the Agency to immediately begin testing to determine whether the dioxin is spreading. I also have asked the Agency to review the Furley records and attempt to identify the source of the dioxin. I believe it is important to determine the amount of dioxin at the Furley site," Dole said.

"I have been assured by the EPA Administrator and his assistant, that EPA will immediately undertake to determine whether the dioxin is spreading and will also attempt to identify the source of the dioxin. Where a contaminant like dioxin is concerned no resources should be spared to insure public safety. The EPA office in Kansas city has a great deal of experience in problems of this kind and I am confident they will be able to quickly define and remedy the situation," said Dole.

Dole's request followed preliminary EPA testing which indicated the presence of dioxin in a test well located within the boundaries of the Furley waste site.