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## DOLE ANNOUNCES INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FUNDS TO KANSAS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that Kansas has been awarded \$350,275 in federal grants from the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining (OSM). The money will help Kansas operate its coal regulatory and abandoned mine land reclamation programs.

Of the \$350,275 awarded, \$229,466 is earmarked for the abandoned mine reclamation program, and the remaining \$120,809 is for inspection and enforcement.

"This federal money is important not only in reclaiming valuable land, but also in checking possible dangers that abandoned mines present," Dole stated.

The grants cover the 1984 calendar year and will be administered by the Mined Land Conservation Board of the Kansas State Corporation Commission. The reclamation grant comes from OSM's Abandoned Mine Lands Fund, which collects production fees from coal companies. Half of the money paid by coal companies in Kansas is returned to the state for reclamation purposes.