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DOLE ANNOUNCES INCREASED FUNDING FOR UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today announced that funding for the Kansas Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program should be increased subsequent to final Congressional approval of the HUD - Independent Agencies appropriations bill. \$3 million has been added to the FY'88 Senate appropriations for the Underground Injection Control State Grants program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Kansas has requested \$240,000 to adequately protect groundwater supplies in Kansas.

"I am pleased to see the continued commitment to ground water protection by Congress," said Dole. "Kansas has one of the best programs in the country, and this new money will help them keep pace with future needs."

Kansas ranks third behind Texas and California in the number of injection facilities which are regulated by the UIC program. Injection wells associated with oil and gas production total 13,000. Additionally, there are 50 industrial waste deposit wells and over 3000 miscellaneous injection wells in the state.

Kansas is 85 percent dependent upon ground water supplies for its domestic and public water supply. Preventing water quality deterioration of these supplies in states like Kansas which are major oil and gas producers depends upon a high quality field surveillance program.

The appropriations measure now goes to a joint House-Senate conference committee. The House and Senate have similar figures allocated for the UIC program, which is not expected to be controversial.

"I will continue working with the State of Kansas and EPA to protect these valuable groundwater supplies," said Dole.

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