



MISSOURI SENATE

Jeff Smith
4th Senate District

JEFFERSON CITY

CAPITOL BUILDING, ROOM 329
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

**For Immediate Release:
July 15, 2009**

**Contact: Christine Brauner
(573) 751-3599**

Senator Jeff Smith Announces Air Quality Planning Grant for the East-West Gateway Council

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, has announced the East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCG) has been awarded a \$25,825 grant by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to help coordinate air quality-planning efforts in the St. Louis region and other ongoing air quality activities.

The EWGCG has been designated as the lead air quality-planning agency for the St. Louis (Missouri-Illinois) region since June of 1994. Currently, the region is classified as a “moderate” non-attainment area under the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard and as a non-attainment area for the 1997 Parts-per-million 2.5 annual standard.

“The East-West Gateway Council has served as responsible stewards of Missouri’s natural resources, and I am pleased this grant money will be used to help improve our region’s air quality,” Sen. Smith said.

###