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Officials to Break Ground on \$62 Million Columbia Wastewater Treatment Facility

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Senator Kurt Schaefer announces a groundbreaking ceremony for a \$62 million construction project to improve the Columbia Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and will create 58 new jobs when construction starts later this month. It is expected to be completed in Summer 2012.

“This is exactly the kind of project the stimulus money was intended for,” Senator Schaefer said, “job-creating, shovel-ready projects that will give us a tangible asset.”

Included in the upgrade will be measures to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption, as well as increase the levels of biosolid and liquid treatment capabilities while providing better odor control.

Governor Jay Nixon, along with other federal, state and local officials are expected to be on hand for the ceremony, which will take place at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 14 at the facility, which is located at 4900 W. Gillespie Bridge Road, Columbia, Missouri.

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