

NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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E ASKS SPECIAL FUEL ALLOCATION FOR KANSAS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today renewed his request that the Federal Energy Office establish a special 10 million gallon fuel allocation for Kansas.

"Once agricultural activity in the state swings into full gear, and that will be very soon," said Dole in a telegram to Energy Administrator William Simon, "fuel needs in Kansas for both agricultural and non-agricultural purposes are going to increase substantially.

A special 10 million gallon allocation represents the minimum amount needed to see us through those peak use periods."

Last Saturday, the Federal Energy Office announced additional February emergency allocations to several states. The allocation adjustments were justified on the basis that they would serve to equalize allocation percentages among the states. "In some cases," said Dole, every put states which had been below the national allocation percentage average, way above it. Missouri, for example, which started February at an 83.8 percent allocation level, fin getting finished out the month at almost 93 percent, several million extra gallons."

During this same period, however, Kansas allocation percentage was held constant at 86.5 percent. "While the additional amounts given to the other state did not come out of Kansas' supply as had been feared," Dole said, "I do believe that in the interests of equity fairness, Kansans should be assured that they will get the additional amounts they need when they need it."