



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE REQUESTS INFORMATION TO AID KANSAS DRILLERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Senator Bob Dole today requested information concerning distribution of oil country tubular goods from eight major manufacturers in the United States.

In telegrams to the companies, Dole said, "The shortage of oil country tubular goods and related steel products is acute in the field and drilling programs of independent operators in Kansas are being curtailed or cancelled due to the shortage of pipe.

"Despite reports from the Federal Energy Administration that the supply of oil country tubular goods will be sufficient to meet the 1974 drilling requirements," Dole continued, "the actual situation is that pipe is not available to independent producers in Kansas and other states who historically drill about 80% of U.S. wells. The continuing problem causing the shortage appears to be one of distribution."

The Kansas Senator said he hoped to use the information provided to assist Kansas drillers needing pipe.

Following are the companies Dole contacted today: U.S. Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Youngstown, Ohio; Armco Steel Corporation, Houston, Texas; Lone Star Steel Company, Dallas, Texas; Colorado Fuel and Iron, Pueblo, Colorado; Jones and Laughlin Steel, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Republic Steel Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio.

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THE SHORTAGE OF OIL COUNTRY TUBULAR GOODS AND RELATED STEEL PRODUCTS IS ACUTE IN THE FIELD AND DRILLING PROGRAMS OF INDEPENDENT OPERATORS IN KANSAS ARE BEING CURTAILED OR CANCELLED DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF PIPE.

DESPITE REPORTS FROM THE FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION THAT THE SUPPLY OF OIL COUNTRY TUBULAR GOODS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET 1974 DRILLING REQUIREMENTS, THE ACTUAL SITUATION IS THAT PIPE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS IN KANSAS AND OTHER STATES WHO HISTORICALLY DRILL ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF U.S. WELLS. THE CONTINUING PROBLEM CAUSING THE SHORTAGE APPEARS TO BE ONE OF DISTRIBUTION.

IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM TO DISTRIBUTE A HISTORIC AND FAIR SHARE OF TUBULAR GOOD SHIPMENTS TO INDEPENDENTS SO AS TO SERVE PROJECT INDEPENDENCE AND NEEDS OF THE NATION. HOPEFULLY, THIS INFORMATION WILL PERMIT ME TO ASSIST THE KANSAS DRILLERS NEEDING PIPE.

YOUR COMMENTS ON WHETHER THE SHORTAGE OF PIPE CAN BE OVERCOME ON A VOLUNTARY COOPERATIVE BASIS BY STEEL INDUSTRY AND OIL INDUSTRY IN THE NEAR FUTURE ARE ALSO OF INTEREST TO ME.

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OIL COUNTRY TUBULAR GOODS MANUFACTURERS

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Armco Steel Corporation 1455 West Loop South Post Office Box 723 Houston, TX 77001	W. H. Hunter
Lone Star Steel Company West Mockingbird Lane Post Office Box 35888 Dallas, TX 75235	R. R. Reed
Colorado Fuel & Iron Post Office Box 1830 Pueblo, CO 81002	W. D. Dreher
Jones & Laughlin Steel 1600 West Carson Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219	David Hoag
Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel 4 Gateway Center Pittsburgh, PA 15230	W. E. Shutt
Republic Steel Corporation Post Office Box 6778 Cleveland, OH 44101	Roger Criss