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DOLE HOPEFUL ON POSSIBLE COLUMBUS FERTILIZER PLANT RE-OPENING

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole says he is hopeful that a natural gas supply may be authorized to permit re-opening of the old Jayhawk Fertilizer plant near Columbus. Dole has written to Federal Power Commission Chairman John Nassikas urging a prompt decision by the FPC on a pending request for natural gas allotment for the plant, which was taken out of service in 1969.

At the time the plant, formerly known as Jayhawk Works, was closed down, it was utilizing 26 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. Under the proposals set forth by Custom Resin Company to the FPC, planned efficiencies and modernization would enable it to achieve roughly the same production utilizing only 8 million cubic feet per day.

Dole has urged Chairman Nassikas to expedite consideration of applications for natural gas from fertilizer companies "because of the serious and even compelling need for maximum domestic fertilizer production to meet the pressing demand for the product which resulted in shortages for farmers in Kansas and throughout the Mid-west this year."

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