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DOLE WANTS PRIORITY ON NATURAL GAS FOR FERTILIZER PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--A bill that would put a one-year priority on the use of natural gas for fertilizer production is one of the legislative initiatives planned by Senator Bob Dole for the 94th Congress. Dole said today that he will introduce the bill on Wednesday, January 8, the day after the new Congress is convened.

"It appears that the Federal Power Commission's policy on natural gas has substantially worsened this year as compared to last year in regard to giving priority of natural gas use for fertilizer production," Dole said. "With the continued emphasis on agricultural production, it is vital that farmers be able to obtain fertilizer. In order for that to happen, fertilizer producers need natural gas to operate, and this legislation is idesigned to ensure they get that natural gas."

Dole said he would seek bi-partisan support before introducing the measure on Wednesday, and added that he expects cosponsors to include Senators from many midwestern and agricultural states.