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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that he has received an additional report from the Special Fuel Location Team in Manhattan and from Jerry Newcomb of the Office of Oil and Gas who has just returned to Washington. The reports indicate that in addition to the over 400,000 gallons of fuel which the team located on Tuesday and Wednesday, an additional 400,000 gallons of fuel, available to meet Kansas harvest ~~harvest~~ requirements, has been located this morning. This brings the total located to almost one million gallons.

The team reports that some indication of fuel shortages have started coming in from parts of northern Kansas where harvest operations are beginning to get underway. It appears, however, that adequate sources of supply have been located that will be sufficient to meet most critical fuel requirements. It seems apparent to members of the team that so far there has been adequate fuel available to keep the harvest going.

Senator Dole said "The whole purpose of this special team operation over the last few days has been to identify the areas of critical need, to locate available supplies of fuel, so that both parties -- supplier and local distributor can cooperate in meeting the farmers' needs. According to the reports I have had from state ASCS headquarters, it appears that so far this operation has been a success. We of course hope that we can continue in this fashion so that none of the wheat harvest will be lost to fuel shortages."

Farmers experiencing shortages which may affect their own harvesting operation are again reminded to contact their county ASCS office for assistance.