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DOLE AND PEARSON CALL FOR FLEXIBILITY IN FUEL ALLOCATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson (R-Kans) today called upon the Office of Oil and Gas for a more flexible and responsive administration of the propane and diesel fuels allocation programs.

The two Kansas Senators, in a letter to Duke Ligon, the Office's Director, stated that wet weather last year prevented normal field work and resulted in abnormally low fuel consumption in November and December. Using last year's consumption as a base for current allocations, as required by the program, would be inequitable, **Dole and Pearson** said. If Kansas farmers are expected to increase food production this year more fuel will be needed. The two Senators urged that all possible steps be taken to insure adequate supplies.

Citing the inability of Kansans to obtain timely or accurate information about the allocation programs, the Senators also asked that action be taken to increase the capabilities of the Kansas City Regional Office which handles inquiries from the midwest. "Without appropriate information, consumers, distributors, and wholesalers who handle the regulated products cannot begin to conform to the program requirements," they said.