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FLEXIBILITY IN ALLOCATION RULES NOTED

RUSSELL, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole says that he has been in contact again today with officials of the Federal Energy Office about the adjustments to gasoline allocations announced over the week-end.

"While no one welcomes this announcement," said Dole, "it should be remembered that these adjustments are limited, and may not exceed two percent."

FEO has told Dole the allocation will be reviewed every month and that growth factors are to be taken into account. "Retailers who find that their base period allocation, based on 1972 sales and demand, is more than ten percent lower than their sales for the corresponding month in 1973, can arrange with their suppliers for an increased allocation," Dole said. "If the shortfall is more than twenty percent, these adjustments can be arranged through the Federal Energy Office. This flexibility should help avoid any serious hardship which might otherwise result from their effort to balance supply," Dole added.