



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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AGRICULTURAL FUEL ALLOCATION REGULATIONS RE-DRAFTED

WICHITA, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole said today that farmers have again been reassured that they will receive 100% of their fuel needs, and that guarantee is now backed by revised regulations. In a letter to Dole, William Simon, Administrator of the Federal Energy Office, informed him that a re-draft of the regulations which Dole had requested is now complete. The regulation's change would allow fuel for agriculture to be allocated from the national base rather than the state's entitlement.

"This change is necessary," Dole said, "so that non-agricultural users in a State like Kansas are not penalized. Under the new regulations, refiners would be required to set aside 100% of the fuel necessary to meet agricultural needs and the remainder would be apportioned fairly to all states for retail distribution. Under current regulations, fuel to meet priority requirements, such as agriculture, is taken from a state's overall allocation, leaving a less than equitable percentage for non-priority users. This clearly results in severe hardships in a state like Kansas where agricultural demands are very heavy during spring and summer months."

The FEO told Dole that the period for public comment on the regulation change has been shortened and that every effort is being made to put the regulations into effect before the May allocation is made.