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DOLE EMPHASIZES NEED FOR HARVEST FUEL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In a letter sent Tuesday to Kansas Governor Robert Docking, Senator Bob Dole identified the establishment of a "system for providing quick and timely delivery of fuel" to farmers during the harvest as the "real remaining problem" among the present concerns posed by the energy shortage.

Noting recent criticisms of the Federal Energy Administration harvest fuel programs Dole wrote that "recent changes in the mandatory fuel allocation regulation have resolved the most glaring deficiencies in the harvest fuel program." The regulation changes, to take effect on June 1st, had been sought by Dole and Congressman Keith Sebelius since February. They establish an upward reporting system which creates, in effect, "an agricultural product pass through," to assure that adequate amounts of fuel will be on hand to fill the 100 percent of current need guarantee which the FEA has promised to farmers.

Dole said he expected "a realistic State allocation total for the month of June. Coupled with the regulation changes, this should make it possible to meet farm fuel needs at the same time ensuring that non-agricultural users in Kansas will receive a fair share of legitimate fuel requirements."

Dole said he had asked FEA Regional Officials in Kansas City to work with refiners and jobbers serving Kansas to establish a quick emergency fuel delivery system "as a logical complement" to a three tiered fuel shortage reporting system already established by FEA. Initial contacts with refiners and jobbers have disclosed "a general willingness" to cooperate," according to Dole.