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DOLE AMENDMENT WOULD EXEMPT COUNTRY ELEVATORS FROM COSTLY EPA REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today introduced an amendment that would exempt country grain elevators from proposed E.P.A. regulations regarding grain dust. Dole said the regulations, if implemented would cost as much as 3 to 6¢ per bushel of grain.

Dole pointed out that the proposed regulations would -- according to E.P.A.'s own estimates -- affect less than a 4% reduction in grain dust emissions -- at a cost of at least \$250 million annually. "The costs required by the proposed regulations simply cannot be afforded by the small operators and would be passed back to farmers since competition is such that it cannot be added to the price of grain," Dole said. "I do not believe the American farmer and consumer are willing to pay these additional costs for such an ineffectual E.P.A. effort."

Dole's amendment would exempt those facilities with a storage capacity of less than 2.5 million bushels. It will be considered as an amendment to the Clean Air bill later this week.