

# Energy office explains gasoline distributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest Federal Energy Office effort to smooth out February's gasoline distribution has given 20 states more gasoline, but its effect on service station lines is unclear.

Here, in question and answer form, is the latest — if not necessarily final-word as explained by FEO officials:

**Q. You've lost me already. What was supposed to happen in February in the first place?**

**A. February was supposed to be the first month in which gasoline, and some other petroleum products, were distributed from refineries to suppliers, to dealers and sometimes to customers according to a new set of federal regulations.**

The purpose was to provide a fair distribution during the present shortage.

Farming, on which the nation depends for food, was to get all of the gasoline it required, before anyone else was served.

Certain essential services which purchase gasoline in bulk quantities were also to get all they need, while others including service stations were to get as much gasoline as in February 1972; but those allocations would be reduced, if necessary, in proportion to the shortage.

**Q. Yes, I remember now, but I sort of forgot all that while I was waiting in line an hour at the service station yesterday.**

**A. Well, you see, there was one little hitch in the program. The regulation was not designed for getting equal amounts of gasoline to all of the dealers or areas**

or anything like that.

The allocations were to be carried out by each individual oil company, based on its own supply of gasoline.

Some companies were in better shape than others: some served certain areas more heavily than others. The Federal Energy Office says the February allocation would have reflected historical distribution patterns, with some imbalances resulting from area to area.

**Q. But I thought that energy office told all the states exactly how much they would get in February. I read it someplace.**

**A. That's right. Last Feb. 6, the energy office gave newsmen a 55-page computer print-out listing the gasoline going to each state. They represented it, at first, as the official allocation.**

It turns out, however, that it was not an official allocation, but only the oil companies' estimates of what was heading for each state; and the FEO now says those estimates were largely inaccurate.

**Q. Well, what are they going to do about it?**

**A. They sent special study teams into 20 states that seemed to have particularly tough problems of gasoline supply, to check those estimates, and energy chief William E. Simon said Tuesday study teams would be sent to all 50 states.**

**Q. Which states, under the Feb. 9 order, may or may not get anywhere from nothing to two per cent more in February?**

**A. Arkansas, Delaware, the**

District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Tennessee.

**Q. That's only nine; you said 12 plus D.C.**

**A. Right, I left out Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia because they no longer fit in that group. I'll explain about them in a minute.**

**Q. O.K., now which states may or may not lose anywhere from nothing to two per cent in February?**

**A. Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.**

**Q. Now what about those four you left out?**

**A. They also turned up on the list of 20 states announced Tuesday by the FEO; none of the others were listed twice.**

**Q. What does that mean?**

**A. On Tuesday, the FEO listed 10 states whose February gasoline supply would be increased five per cent: Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Vermont, West Virginia, and New Jersey and Virginia. Those last two were on the old list; their previous "maybe" two per cent is now included in their definite five per cent. The oil companies must provide those five per cent increases.**

The February supplies of gasoline were also increased two per cent, Tuesday for Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Illinois and Maryland.

## Listen Up

# Problems riddle OPA flower sale

Editor:

I would like to thank all the customers of the Omega Phi Alpha carnation sale Valentine's Day. This was the first year we have done this project, and, as can be expected, we had some problems.

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Linda Austin  
OPA President

Editor:

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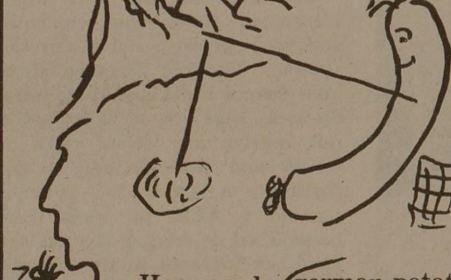
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