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Fuel Shortage Summary

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 7—Following is a summary of fuel shortages as presented in a fact sheet distributed tonight by the White House:

Recent oil curtailments will mean a shortage this winter of between 2 and 3 million barrels per day of crude oil and products—or 10 to 17 per cent of expected demand.

Current shortages are about 10 per cent of demand.

If the oil cutoff continues as petroleum demand increases during the winter, the over-all shortage will rise toward the 3 million barrels per day level—17 per cent of demand.

At the current 2 million barrels per day level, the total shortage in major fuels are:

Distillate fuels—including heating oil, diesel fuel and kerosene—at least 450,000 barrels a day, or 11 per cent, short of expected demand. (Heating oil shortages are expected to be more than 15 per cent short of demand.)

Residual fuel oil—which is used primarily by electric utilities, industrial operations and for heating large buildings—is about 500,000 barrels a day, or 13 per cent, short of expected demand.

Jet fuel—at least 100,000 barrels a day, or 13 per cent, short of commercial and private use.

Gasoline—at least 500,000 barrels a day, or 7 per cent, short of demand. Expected shifts in refinery output to higher production of heating oil at the expense of gasoline could decrease the shortage of heating oil and increase the shortage of gasoline by as much as 200,000 barrels a day.