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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, November 30, has an actuality of Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar in a statement issued today on aviation fuel conservation.

SECRETARY BRINEGAR: "The Nation's airline industry has this week been asked to make further cuts in fuel usage in December and to prepare for addition cuts in the first quarter of 1974. This will mean additional flight cutbacks.

"It is important to understand that these fuel cuts are the result of a serious and immediate shortage of the specialized jet fuels used by the commercial airlines. Hopefully, the Nation's oil refiners will soon be able to adjust their operations in order to produce additional jet fuel and less gasoline, as the President has requested. But until this happen there is no alternative other than making these fuel cuts.

"I believe that the airlines deserve recognition for their many fine accomplishments thus far in finding ways to conserve fuel. Through a great variety of actions they have already reduced fuel usage by over 800 million gallons a year.

"We now are entering the holiday season facing most difficult transportation problems. I am confident that the airline industry, which has done so much already, will continue to do all it can to adjust to these necessary changes in a way to have the least impact on its employees and on the thousands of people who must travel during the coming weeks."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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