

## Interagency group focuses on grain elevator safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new interagency group at the U.S. Department of Agriculture will focus on grain elevator safety, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block announced recently.

Block established the group,

called the Grain Storage, Handling and Processing Safety Coordinating Subcommittee, to function under the administration committee of his coordination council.

"I am giving this subcommittee the mission to promote safety in grain handling facilities in harmony with the efficient movement of the nation's grain to domestic and foreign markets," Block said.

The subcommittee will direct USDA's research, monitoring and educational resources towards developing and providing national leadership in cooperation with private, state and federal entities. These include the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which has primary statutory

responsibility for safety in grain elevators and mills.

Chaired by Kenneth A. Gilles, administrator of the Federal Grain Inspection Service, the subcommittee will be comprised of the chief administrative officers of the Agricultural Research Service, the

Extension Service, the Agricultural Marketing Service and the National Agricultural Library.

Joseph M. Cindrich, USDA specialist in grain handling safety, will serve as executive secretary of the subcommittee.

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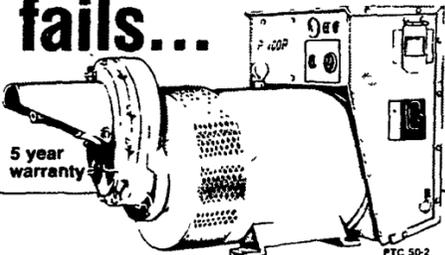
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