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## Weekly Radio Address: "Propane Shortage - Taking Action"

**Madison** – Governor Scott Walker released this message today titled, "Propane Shortage-Taking Action."

Transcript:

*Hi, this is Governor Scott Walker.*

*Wisconsin is one of the many states in the Midwest and across the country faced with the propane shortage – and we're taking steps to help all of our citizens stay safe.*

*I've heard from people who cannot afford the unexpected spike in the cost of propane. We've released \$8.5 million in emergency benefits to help our most vulnerable citizens. For more information on this – please call 1-866-HEATWIS. You can also find this number on my website and Facebook page.*

*To help address the shortage, we're providing \$8 million in loan guarantees, so our propane suppliers have the money they need to purchase propane for Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is already processing applications for that program.*

*To improve our propane supply, we're going as far away as Texas. To cut through any red tape, I've asked Texas Governor Rick Perry to allow our drivers to meet his state's motor safety regulations through the end of February, to help keep the supply coming to Wisconsin – he has readily agreed to help. Also, our State Department of Transportation continues to allow drivers to transport heavier loads of fuel so we can keep the trucks en route to their destinations.*

*Along with other Midwestern governors, I've [asked the President](#) to help develop both the long and short term solutions to this propane issue. We appreciate the additional \$14.2 million in emergency heating benefits for Wisconsin, but we also need a regional and national focus on propane supply, demand, and price. In addition, the federal government should be developing contingency plans to address any possible interruptions in the national propane supply chain.*

*Remember – If you or someone you know needs help with propane, please call 1-866-HEATWIS. We'll continue to work with our state legislators and the industry to help Wisconsin recover from this propane shortage.*

The state partnered with the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association to produce and distribute a brief radio address once a week. Audio files and a written transcript of this radio address can be accessed on <http://www.wi-broadcasters.org> and <http://walker.wi.gov/media/weekly-radio-addresses>. To download an mp3 file, you can right click the radio address link and click "Save Link As."

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