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## Bush rejects tapping Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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WASHINGTON, July 15, 2008 (AFP) - US President George W. Bush on Tuesday rejected suggestions he tap into the country's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help ease high gasoline prices.

'It's for emergencies,' Bush told a press conference when asked about using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

He said the 'fundamental issue' was finding alternative sources of energy and oil and gas in the United States.

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