

Docket No. 50-346

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Honorable William B. Saxbe  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Saxbe:

I am pleased to respond to your note of August 3, 1970, enclosing a letter from Ms. Grace Visscher concerning the proposed Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, each Federal agency is required to consult with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies concerning major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and to prepare a detailed statement concerning, among other things, the environmental impact to the proposed action. I am enclosing a copy of the environmental report prepared by the Toledo Edison Company for the Davis-Besse plant which discusses the three points mentioned by Ms. Visscher.

As the report notes on pages 2 to 5, the Davis-Besse site covers an area of about 950 acres, and over 500 acres of this area has been leased to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior for management as a national wildlife refuge for migratory water fowl.

With respect to raising the temperature of Lake Erie, the Toledo Edison Company announced on July 31, 1970, that the plant would employ a closed cycle cooling tower system, and the company expects that there will only be a limited discharge of water containing waste heat from the plant (pages 6 and 7).

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The ground water level is discussed on pages A-6 to A-8 of the report. The report indicates that the elevation of the ground water table follows the fluctuations in the level of Lake Erie, and is generally a few feet higher than the level of Lake Erie.

Sincerely,

Original signed by G. K. Beck

Harold L. Price  
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

- 1. Environmental report
- 2. Ltr fm Ms. Visscher, 7/28/70

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