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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear NRC:

I was watching the FIVE ALIVE 10 p.m. newscast on TV the other night. Their news department reported that the Grand River Dam Authority in Oklahoma is curtailing electric production because of low water levels. It was reported that drought conditions have contributed to low levels in Oklahoma lakes, and in order to keep those levels from falling further, the GRDA is cutting back on electric production at dams on those lakes.

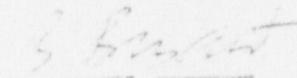
On the surface, the drought does not appear to be that bad. I have not heard of any water rationing. It has not been something that has been publicized before in the news. And yet, it is having serious effects on electric generating in the state. (Production curtailment is a serious effect of drought).

It makes me wonder what effects a really serious drought would have on communities, industry, electric generation... especially what effect a serious dry spell would have if the Black Fox Station were in operation with its heavy drain of large amounts of water.

This is a very serious question which has not been sufficiently answered. What will be the effects of a serious, extended drought in northeastern Oklahoma? Will enough water be available for both Black Fox Station (which will consume vast quantities) and other needs?

I hope your agency is actively pursuing the answers to these questions. No other issue is so basic to the needs of the people of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,



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