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Colonel Kurka responded back to Mr. Wenthold regarding the use of submersible pumps. The discussions that were initiated from the Listening Session prompted a review of criteria on the safety aspects of the use of such pumps by the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers.

Since preliminary information from some submersible pump manufactures indicates the pumps are not designed for use in lake or river locations where swimmers may come in contact with the pump, we have requested a national safety policy determination from our Headquarters Office.

Until the policy review is complete, our Texoma Lake Office has put a moratorium on any actions associated with the use of submersible pumps in the lake. Under this moratorium, we will neither take actions to require existing pumps to be removed, nor will we approve the use of any new submersible pump installations.