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## OJA FACILITY LEFT WITHOUT ELECTRICAL POWER

OKLAHOMA CITY – Robert E. “Gene” Christian Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) Executive Director has released the following information. The recent ice storm has left the Office of Juvenile Affairs' secure juvenile facility (SWOJC) located in far southwest Oklahoma in the Town of Manitou without electrical power since last Thursday. The facility is operating on their emergency generators. It is reported that electrical power may be restored sometime tomorrow. As of today, the facility has also lost its source of water from the Town of Frederick. The duration of the loss of water is unknown. Frederick officials report that the pumping station at the reservoir will require a new generator to begin operations again. They are attempting to locate that generator now but delivery date and time is unknown. Drinking water is sufficient for a short time. Water for sanitation purposes is limited and it is anticipated that the facility will be without sufficient water pressure to have working restrooms by tomorrow morning. The staff and the youth are holding up well considering the circumstances. Currently, 48 youth are placed at the facility.

We have contacted the National Guard to obtain a portable supply of water for use at the facility. Delivery of the water is pending. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and take all necessary action to insure the safety and well being of the staff and youth in our facility.

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