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Dave, for attribution to “an EPA spokesperson,” please:

While state drinking water programs have the primary responsibility for overseeing water systems and monitoring their ability to provide potable water in the case of drought, EPA actively monitors the U.S. Drought Monitor (<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>) and provides resources to help water utilities become more resilient to drought including developing the *Drought Response and Recovery Guide for Water Utilities* and offering multiple drought and water loss workshops on a yearly basis.

See <https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/drought-response-and-recovery-water-utilities>

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Hi, Lynn, I’m a reporter for Stateline, a national online news publication, doing a story about water needs in the United States geared to Cape Town, South Africa, which is facing the potential of being without water. I noticed on the EPA media website that you deal with various aspects of water so I’m hoping you can steer me in the right direction and link me with an expert, as well as EPA research.

I’m looking for a national overview on areas of the country that are currently facing water hardships, areas that are facing continued drought. I saw an article in Texas Observer earlier this year quoting the EPA as reporting that the number of 100-degree days per year are expected to quadruple in the Southern Plains by 2050 and that parts of Texas and Oklahoma are expected to experience longer periods without rainfall. I’d like to confirm that as well any related information on weather patterns that could increase the potential of extended dry periods.

I’d also appreciate any other information on dangers to water supplies - I’m told that underground aquifers for example, have been shrinking for decades, and I’d like to get a national overview on how extensive that is and particular threats to major aquifers such as the Ogllala in the Plains. These are just some areas I’d like to pursue and I’m sure your experts have observations I may not be aware of. Of course, any recent reports - the later the better = would be much appreciated.

I've got a pretty severe deadline. I've got to write the story by the end of the week and of course I need the information before then. I may be going out of town to look at a water-starved area so I'm trying to get my fundamental research done in advance of that, so I'm trying to get an interview and research from your agency by tomorrow. Thanks so much for your help. Dave

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