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Q. What would the dollar cost of deferring this Project for one year, in terms of
any increased maintenance, repair and loss of performance and efficiency?

A. There has been a drop of 1 degree C of feedwater temperature as a result of tube plugging, which will increase fuel consumption in an average year by approximately \$81,000. There is a real danger that this heater will fail in service, due to its age and poor condition, as identified by the recent inspection. When this heater fails it, and two other heaters, will be removed from service because they cannot be isolated independently. The loss of these three heaters for the length of time required to obtain and install a replacement heater will increase fuel consumption by \$1.3 million.