

TurkeyPointCEM Resource

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Dear Chief Bladley,

Florida has so much sunshine! Do we really need to continue to expand nuclear power plants? Please veto the proposed expansion of Turkey Point Power Plant in Homestead, Florida. Biscayne National Park is an area that's extremely susceptible to sea-level rise and the storm surges that are inevitable. The area's limited freshwater resources as well as sensitive habitat for a wide range of federally protected endangered species.

Many of us live close enough to this power plant to be frustrated that it is not winding down, but that some people want to expand it. Our homes, our lives, our parks are endangered unnecessarily, since solar power is easily available, cheaper, and safer. We don't need to be reminded of the horror the Japanese suffered when their power plant was hit by a big wave.

Our national parks belong to the people. They are treasures that preserve our country's incredible landscapes and waters, wildlife and opportunities for exploration. Biscayne National Park is one of these irreplaceable national treasures. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's own rules, "sites adjacent to lands devoted to public use may be considered unsuitable," and unacceptable impacts are "most apt to arise in areas adjacent to natural-resource-oriented areas." How then can this project proceed when there are two national parks, an aquatic preserve, a wetland preserve and a national wildlife refuge within six miles of the proposed expansion site?

Fresh and clean water is essential to life. The two new reactors at Turkey Point could also have huge impacts on the quantity and quality of the area's limited freshwater supplies. The withdrawal of massive amounts of water from under Biscayne National Park as backup cooling water could increase salinity levels within the bay and hasten saltwater intrusion into the aquifer.

The expansion of nuclear power plant in an area that's ground zero for sea level rise puts South Florida at unacceptable risk. For all these reasons, I urge you to deny the proposed expansion at Turkey Point and protect the region's people and unparalleled natural resources.

Sincerely,

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