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Chief Cindy Bladley

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Administration, OWFN 12
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Dear Chief Bladley,

In reference to Docket ID: NRC-2009-0337, I stand strongly opposed to the proposed expansion of Turkey Point Power Plant, located in Homestead, Florida.

I was shocked to learn that the reactor had been allowed in the first place. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations state, "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." Within six miles of the proposed expansion site there are two national parks, an aquatic preserve, a national wildlife refuge, and a wetland habitat preserve.

The proposed expansion site is on the shores of Biscayne National Park in an area that is extremely susceptible to sea level rise and the impacts of climate change, making this a public safety issue. In addition, the expansion could have serious environmental impacts on sensitive ecological habitat and the health and sustainability of limited freshwater resources.

I am committed to protecting Biscayne National Park because this area holds a loving place in many of my childhood memories. We boated here, fished, swam--I learned to water ski and scuba dive here, too. The Park is a treasure, to be respected and protected.

I strongly oppose the expansion of Turkey Point because of the project's potentially widespread negative environmental and public health and safety impacts as well as the serious threats it poses to Biscayne National Park.

Sincerely,

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