

## TurkeyPointCEm Resource

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Chief Cindy Bladley

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

I am writing in reference to Docket ID: NRC-2009-0337 to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of Turkey Point Power Plant, located in Homestead, Florida. The site proposed for expansion is located directly on the shores of Biscayne National Park in an area that is extremely susceptible to sea level rise and the impacts of climate change. The expansion of Turkey Point could have serious environmental impacts on sensitive ecological habitat and the health and sustainability of limited freshwater resources.

It is of course rather unusual to have a nuclear power plant right on the border of a national park. But as I understand it, the plant was there first, and it was necessary to work with the existing situation when establishing Biscayne National Park. Because of this, there is no justification in using the existing plant as a justification for adding more nuclear plants.

According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's own regulations, "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. In following the NRC's own guidelines, the expansion of Turkey Point could have unacceptable and irreversible impacts on these treasured sites.

There could be many serious and unacceptable consequences of adding new reactors at Turkey Point. One of the most troublesome concerns the huge impacts it would certainly have on the quantity and quality of precious freshwater resources. The withdrawal of massive amounts of water from under Biscayne Bay as back-up cooling water could increase salinity levels within the Bay and hasten saltwater intrusion into our limited freshwater supplies. Furthermore, expanding a nuclear power plant in an area that is ground zero for sea level rise threatens the future of South Florida. I strongly oppose the expansion of Turkey Point as proposed due to the project's potentially widespread negative environmental and public health and safety impacts and the serious threats it poses to Biscayne National Park.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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