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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.

Like so many Americans, I am committed to protecting the National Park System, which preserves our country's magnificent array of landscapes, waters, wildlife, and opportunities for exploration.

Reasonable people can agree that Biscayne National Park is an irreplaceable national treasure that safeguards precious natural resources and recreational opportunities. 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 this proposed expansion site, locals and tourists can find two national parks, one aquatic preserve, a national wildlife refuge, and a wetland habitat preserve. In following the NRC's own guidelines, the expansion of Turkey Point would have unacceptable and irreversible impacts on these treasured sites.

Operating two new reactors at Turkey Point could also have huge impacts 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 would not only increase salinity levels within the Bay but also hasten saltwater intrusion into a limited freshwater supply. What's more, expansion of 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 clearly widespread negative environmental and public health & safety impacts, and the unconscionable threats it poses to Biscayne National Park.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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