

TurkeyPointCEm Resource

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To: TurkeyPointCOLEIS Resource
Subject: Attn: NRC-2009-0337 -- Do No Allow New Reactors at Turkey Point, Please!

Dear Chief Bladley,

I am writing in absolute opposition to the proposed expansion of Turkey Point Power Plant in Homestead, Florida. The proposed construction site is located directly on the shores of Biscayne National Park in an area that's extremely susceptible to sea-level rise and the storm surges that will come with climate change. Even if our governor is "not a scientist" and doesn't want Floridians to discuss climate change, I hope that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Army Corps of Engineers include scientists and people who are smart enough to know that we'll need to deal with rising sea levels if even we don't talk about them. And an expansion of Turkey Point could jeopardize the area's limited freshwater resources as well as sensitive habitat for a wide range of federally protected endangered species.

Like many Americans, I love our national parks, which 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? This project is just a really bad idea.

As you know, operating 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, which is already likely to increase as the sea level rises.

And finally, expanding a 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. Florida does need to cut its dependence on fossil fuels, but nuclear power plants are not the correct alternative for us, particularly not in such proximity to natural parks and the relatively wild land and wildlife they shelter. Please don't let this proposed power plant expansion hasten the death of South Florida's remaining wildlife habitats.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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