

## 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 on the shores of Biscayne National Park in an area that is extremely susceptible to sea-level rise and the effects of climate change. The expansion of Turkey Point could have serious environmental repercussions 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 incredible array of landscapes, waters, wildlife and opportunities for exploration. 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 results 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.

Operating two new reactors at Turkey Point could also have huge effects on the quantity and quality of precious freshwater resources. The withdrawal of massive amounts of water from under Biscayne Bay as backup 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, on account of the project's potentially widespread harm to environmental health, public health and safety, as well as the serious threats it poses to Biscayne National Park.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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