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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.

AS AN ENVIRONMENTALIST AND A NATURE LOVER, I AM, OF COURSE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THIS FACILITY UPON THE LOCAL ECOSYSTEM. AS ONE WHO APPRECIATES OUR GRAND NATIONAL PARKS, I AM ALSO TROUBLED FOR THE FUTURE OF BNP.

BUT A MUCH LARGER DANGER LOOMS. ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS REMEMBER THE DEVASTATION THAT OCCURRED IN JAPAN NOT VERY LONG AGO TO KNOW THAT MOTHER NATURE WILL REEK HAVOC AT WILL IN SPITE OF ANY AND ALL HUMAN PRECAUTIONS.

CLOSE PROXIMITY TO OPEN WATER AND RISING SEA LEVELS IS A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN.

INSTEAD OF INCREASING THE FACILITY AT TURKEY POINT, I WOULD HAVE YOU CLOSE THE PLANT ENTIRELY.

NUCLEAR POWER IS NOT CLEAN POWER REGARDLESS OF HOW IT IS SOLD. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE CONSENSUS ON THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE. IT IS WRONG OF US TO LEAVE THIS PROBLEM TO OUR DESCENDANTS TO LIVE OR DEAL WITH.

HERE IN CONNECTICUT WE WERE SOLD NUCLEAR POWER AS A WAY TO REDUCE OUR ENERGY COSTS WITH CLEAN ENERGY. MAY I REMIND YOU THAT CONNECTICUT CONTINUES TO HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST ENERGY RATES IN THE COUNTRY. WE WERE SOLD A BILL OF GOODS SO THAT THE NUCLEAR CORPORATIONS COULD MAKE MONEY.

IN RESPONSE TO THE CLAIM THAT THE INDUSTRY MAKES THAT NUCLEAR POWER IS SAFE, I WOULD ASK WHY THE INDUSTRY DOESN'T SHARE MORE OF THE FINANCIAL RISK IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER. IT IS THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER WHO IS BURDENED WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE RISK.

IT'S TIME WE WISED UP. ABOVE ALL ELSE WE NEED TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND THE EARTH WE LIVE ON.

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 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 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.

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 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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