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Chief Cindy Bladley

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Administration, OWFN 12
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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chief Bladley,

Re Docket ID: NRC-2009-0337, we are strongly opposed to the proposed expansion of Turkey Point Power Plant,in Homestead, Florida and urge you to oppose it also.

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. Expanding Turkey Point could seriously impact sensitive ecological habitat and the health and sustainability of increasingly limited freshwater resources.

We urge you to do all that you can to protect our National Park System, including Biscayne National Park, 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.

This is a risk we definitely cannot afford to take.

Operating two new reactors at Turkey Point could also hugely impact the quantity and quality of precious freshwater resources.

Withdrawing massive amounts of water from Biscayne Bay as back-up cooling water could increase salinity levels hasten devastating saltwater intrusion into our limited freshwater supplies.

Expanding a nuclear power plant in an area that is ground zero for sea level rise threatens the future of South Florida -- economically and environmentally.

Please protect our economy, our communities, and our irreplaceable resources. 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. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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