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Mr. David Drucker
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Drucker,

As one of the 1.3 million extremely alarmed members and supporters of the National Parks Conservation Association, I am writing to express my vehemently opposition to Florida Power & Light's deadly, monetarily based, heinous plans to extend the operating life of the totally unsafe nuclear reactors at Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Turkey Point's current substandard, hazardous operations jeopardize the health of Biscayne National Park, threatened and endangered wildlife, Everglades restoration plans, and the quality of South Florida's life-sustaining, irreplaceable drinking water.

LIFE-THREATENING contaminated water from Turkey Point's antiquated cooling canal system has been seeping into the crucial groundwater and polluting critically important surface waters connected to Biscayne and the aquifer that supplies drinking water for millions. Additionally, Turkey Point's geographic location makes it particularly susceptible to ever-increasing sea level rise and storm surge impacts. Under even the most optimistic sea level rise projections, Turkey Point and parts of the cooling canals will be inundated by 2040, a full 13 years before the end of the reactors' operating life if this dangerously misguided proposal is approved.

Any plans to extend the operating life of Turkey Point must include rigorous concrete measures to meticulously address both the water contamination and threats from sea level rise and storm surge to FULLY protect Biscayne National Park and the health of each and every surrounding community and natural areas. Otherwise, the plant's crumbling cooling canals should be IMMEDIATELY decommissioned and replaced with alternate cooling technology, such as mechanical draft cooling towers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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