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Mr. David Drucker
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Drucker,

I have been and am a lover of Miami and all the precious ,beautiful and life sustaining water there and everywhere. When i see and hear the clean joyful waters rushing down the mountains I am reminded of what a gift we have been given. I don't think we can erase all the harm we have added to our earth but somehow we must begin to see what we each can do to begin to understand and make a difference in our daily single and constantly growing citizenship of the planet we inhabit. Our earth and all iti bestows on us all!!!

As one of the 1.3 million members and supporters of the National Parks Conservation Association, I am writing to express my opposition to stop Florida Power & Light's plans to extend the operating life of the nuclear reactors at Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Turkey Point's current operations jeopardize the health of Biscayne National Park, threatened and endangered wildlife, Everglades restoration plans, and the quality of South Florida's drinking water.

Contaminated water from Turkey Point's antiquated cooling canal system has been seeping into the groundwater and polluting 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 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, 13 years before the end of the reactors' operating life if this proposal is approved.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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