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

Dear Mr. Drucker,

Responsibility to people, flora, and fauna TRANSCENDS groveling to  
monied interests! Fewer people = fewer customers!

As one of the 1.3 million members and supporters of the National Parks  
Conservation Association, I am writing to express my opposition to  
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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