

TurkeyPointCEm Resource

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Subject: Opposition to Turkey Point, FL Nuclear Power Expansion

To Whom It May Concern,

Below is a letter from the Mayors of the City of Miami, South Miami and Pinecrest, Florida that expresses my opposition to the expansion of the Turkey Point Nuclear Power plant by Florida Power & Light. In addition to the arguments raised below, I would like to add that I am a resident of 9304 SW 77th Avenue, Miami, FL 33156. My street is favored as the "preferred alternative route" for the giant power transmission lines referenced below, which has been approved by Gov. Rick Scott and his entire cabinet. To construct such power lines on a residential street, which combines low-rise condominiums, a church and small businesses, is a complete travesty of justice that endangers our health, welfare and property values. Therefore, I am strongly in agreement with the arguments stated below:

"Florida Power & Light argues that its new nuclear project is environmentally friendly, that it will benefit us economically, and that its future plans at Turkey Point are safe. Unfortunately, none of these claims are accurate.

FPL is currently seeking approval from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission for two new nuclear reactors at Turkey Point and miles of 10-story transmission lines in residential Miami-Dade County and downtown Miami.

FPL's project would reduce the availability of fresh water for our communities, it would commit South Florida to antiquated and expensive nuclear technology from last century, and it would render our electric system vulnerable to storm surges from rising seas. FPL ignores these difficult facts.

Nuclear plants consume vast amounts of water to keep reactors cool. FPL currently accounts for less than 1 percent of the water used in Miami-Dade County, but a nuclear expansion would raise that to 10 percent of water usage. In two decades, the demands on our limited water supply are already projected to skyrocket. FPL emphasizes that the primary cooling system will use reclaimed wastewater. But it ignores the inconvenient fact that its backup cooling system will also draw over 7 billion gallons of water a year from Biscayne Bay and the Biscayne Aquifer, our only source of drinking water, threatening the coastal Everglades, Biscayne National Park, and South Dade well fields. Given the anticipated demands on our shrinking water supply, FPL's water grab is an irresponsible use of resources."

The recent fire and explosion at the Indian Point Nuclear reactor outside New York City on the Hudson River is a further example of the potential danger of such plants. The Turkey Point nuclear expansion is "an accident waiting to happen." The NRC should use its powers to prevent such accidents from happening.

Sincerely,

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