

## TurkeyPointCEm Resource

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Chief Cindy Bladley

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Administration, OWFN 12  
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Dear Chief Bladley,

As one who has visited most of our national parks, I believe such parks are the jewels of our natural heritage. Therefore, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of Turkey Point Power Plant, located in Homestead, Florida.

The location of the proposed expansion is directly on the shores of Biscayne National Park in an area that is highly susceptible to sea level rise and the impacts of climate change. If approved, the expansion could have serious environmental impacts on sensitive ecological habitat and the quality of limited freshwater resources.

Biscayne National Park is an irreplaceable treasure belonging to all Americans that safeguards special 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 just six miles of the proposed expansion site, there are two national parks, an aquatic preserve, a national wildlife refuge, and a wetland habitat preserve. It seems to me that these facts alone should rule out expansion of Turkey Point in light of NRC's guidelines.

Furthermore, this expansion could also have major on the quantity and quality of freshwater resources. The withdrawal of massive amounts of water from under Biscayne Bay as back-up cooling water could increase salinity levels within the Bay and hasten saltwater intrusion into limited freshwater supplies.

Therefore, I 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. Please reject this proposal.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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