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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

December 5, 1989

Ms. Christena L. Bach
Director, Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 "H" Street, N.W., Room 9204
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Ms. Bach:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence from one of my constituents.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would accord the comments in the letter every consideration and provide me with a report on the matter.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,



DANTE B. FASCELL
Member of Congress

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November 8, 1989

Honorable Dante B. Fascell
United States Congressman
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Fascell:

I am writing to you to request your support in forcing a shutdown of the Turkey Point nuclear power plant because of safety violations. I have been informed that an Atomic Safety Licensing hearing is scheduled for January 10, 1989.

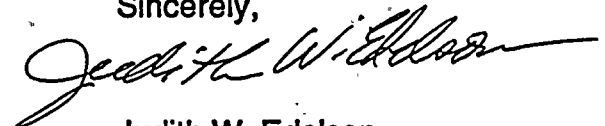
It is my understanding that in 1984 FPL was cited for poor performance at Turkey Point; again in 1986; in 1987 there was allegedly an incident involving unauthorized personnel being allowed to operate the control valves of a live reactor operating at full power; in 1988 there was a leak of 3300 gallons of radioactive water; and in 1989 FPL accrued penalties in the amount of approximately 1.5 million dollars for violations of federal safety regulations.

This clearly indicates a gross breach of responsibility on the parts of FPL, NRC, and our local, state and federal representatives. I don't think I need to remind you of the recent Chernoble disaster. I am certain that Miami would not like to enjoy the same reputation.

It has also been brought to my attention that the NRC used to evaluate 12 functional areas at the Turkey Point plant and now only evaluate 7 functional areas. This is an additional point of concern. I think you would want to agree that with regard to something as important as potential nuclear disaster we would want to do everything humanly possible to assure 100% reliability and safety.

If we can not effect the shutdown of Turkey Point, certainly FPL should be forced to replace the reactor vessels which have been damaged by radiation over the years. I understand that a shutdown of Turkey Point would probably increase our monthly power bill, however, where life and death are concerned I think a few dollars more would be preferable.

Sincerely,



Judith W. Edelson

