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

Dear Mr. Drucker,

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.

Personal note - I support continued responsible use of nuclear power. But running a plant that already is contaminating the local area and not actively responding to rising sea levels is foolish to the point of - in my opinion - criminal negligence. Look at Fukushima and learn. Or close. Mike Walrz

Sincerely,

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