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Mr. David Drucker
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Dear Mr. Drucker,

I am one of the 1.3 million members and supporters of the National Parks Conservation Association, as well as being a native of the shores of Miami, literally on Biscayne Bay (born and raised on property that had a lawn that ended abruptly with a 5 foot fall/ mistep into the Bay - my mother lived in constant terror of my falling in, which I managed to do once). I am writing today to express my stalwart 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, the quality of South Florida's drinking water, and the residents of the greater Miami/ Dade area.

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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