

Bob Graham  
Florida

United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Date 09/22/92

Mr. Carlton Kammerer, Director  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
Washington, DC 20555

Enclosed is a letter from one of my constituents who has concerns which come under the jurisdiction of your agency.

I would appreciate your reviewing this situation and providing me with an appropriate response. Please direct your reply to:

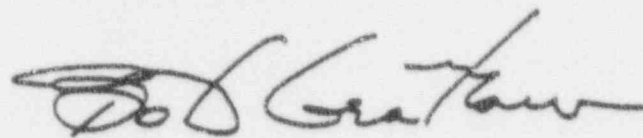
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Your cooperation and assistance are appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



United States Senator

Constituent's Name: *Bonnie Barnes-Kelley*  
*Joette Lorion*

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# FRIENDS OF THE EVERGLADES

*Founded by Marjory Stoneman Douglas*

September 12, 1992

Senator Bob Graham  
Washington D.C. 20510-0903

Dear Honorable Bob Graham:

We are writing on behalf of the citizens of South Florida who are concerned that environmental caution may be being thrown to the wind in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. Although we fully understand the tragic human impact of the Hurricane, and in no way mean to undermine its severity, we are concerned that the government is not adequately addressing several critical issues that could potentially impact the environmental infrastructure that supports the health, safety and basic needs of the people of South Florida. Issues that we respectfully ask you to address include:

- **TURKEY POINT** - Why did several systems important to the health and safety of the public (such as fire protection, security/surveillance, radiation monitoring, warning sirens and communications) fail during the Hurricane? Have these systems been reestablished? Is it credible to think that the Hurricane impacted population could have been evacuated during, or after, the storm if there was a nuclear accident at Turkey Point? If not, should we replace the power supplied by Turkey Point with alternative sources of energy? Finally, who is investigating the environmental impact of the oil spill that occurred at Turkey Point during the Hurricane?

- **OPEN BURNING OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, YARD WASTE, GARBAGE** - While we understand the health necessity of the timely elimination of Hurricane debris and other wastes, we question whether alternatives to open burning have been thoroughly investigated. Have the health implications of open burning, which can release harmful respiratory irritants and chemicals, been addressed? What agency is monitoring the air and ground water to determine whether contaminants are being released, and whether there will be any future health impacts to the citizens? What agency is monitoring to determine whether the already stressed Everglades ecosystem is being adversely impacted by the open burning, including any mercury impacts from the burning of batteries? Can we help the South Dade Farmers mulch and compost the yard debris currently being burned so that they can replace the top soil that blew away during the



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Hurricane and begin to grow new crops? Can we take some time to **stop and think** about the potential alternative uses for some of the material being burned? For example, can some of the wood be sent to other countries, such as Haiti, to be used as firewood for fuel?

• **HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE SUPERFUND SITE** - The Homestead Air Force Base is currently on the National Priorities List for the Superfund Program. Has an inventory of any toxics on the base been performed? Did any toxic materials enter the environment as a result of the storm? Will the site be cleaned-up before redevelopment begins?

• **EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK** - The Everglades National Park suffered widespread destruction due to Hurricane Andrew. The Visitor's Center in Florida City was destroyed and the habitat for the Endangered Florida Panther is gone. In addition, with so many native trees down exotics can now enter the ecosystem much more quickly. Will you lead the effort to seek federal funds to restore this delicate ecosystem so dear to our hearts and so important to our future?

We realize that the Hurricane clean-up is an enormous task and we sympathize with those who are suffering. However, we urge those responsible for the clean-up to take a moment to **STOP AND THINK** about the present and future environmental impacts of their actions so that we do not create any unforeseen hazards in our haste to put Hurricane Andrew behind us.

As our Senator, we urge you to explore these important issues and share with us the information that you obtain. We also request a meeting with you to discuss these environmental concerns as we begin to rebuild South Florida. Please contact Bonnie Barnes-Kelley at (305) 891-0992 or Joette Lorion at (305) 661-2165.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie Barnes-Kelley*  
*Joette Lorion*

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