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**REP. JOSE JAVIER RODRIGUEZ CALLS ON THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ADDRESS
RADIOACTIVE LEAKAGE INTO BISCAYNE BAY**

TALLAHASSEE – State Representative José Javier Rodríguez (D-Miami) calls on the United States Environmental Protection Agency to step in and take emergency remedial action following a Miami-Dade County report revealing levels of radioactive materials in Biscayne Bay at levels 215 times higher than those in the ocean. Rep. Rodriguez has expressed frustration at what he believes is the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s repeated failures to protect the public from FP&L’s actions at Turkey Point.

The Biscayne aquifer is the largest source of fresh drinking water for Miami-Dade County and contamination threatens the health, water supply and environment for millions of people residing in Miami-Dade County. DEP has been aware of the issues, and of FP&L’s failure to address them, at every step of the way and refused to act – from the unsafe temperature of the water in the cooling canals, to the discovery of a massive saltwater plume in the aquifer, to the discovery of dangerous levels of radioactive materials in Biscayne Bay – motivating Rep. Rodríguez’s call for federal action.

“Enough is enough,” said Rep Rodriguez. “For years our state regulators have failed to take seriously the threat to our public safety, to our drinking

water and to our environment posed by FP&L's actions at Turkey Point. Evidence revealed this week of radioactive material in Biscayne Bay is the last straw and I join those calling on the US EPA to step in and do what our state regulators have so far refused to do - protect the public.”

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Reporteros en Español: *vean abajo una declaracion del Representante José Javier Rodríguez haciendo un llamado a la agencia federal de protección ambiental (federal EPA) a tomar acción sobre contaminación relacionado con Turkey Point después de evidencia de altos niveles de materiales radioactivos en Biscayne Bay y frente a la falta de acción adecuada del Departamento de Protección Ambiental de la Florida (DEP, estado de la Florida) de proteger al publico.*