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Gina McCarthy, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Via email to McCarthy.gina@Epa.gov

March 8, 2015

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

As a state legislator representing the Miami area, I have watched with increasing alarm the potential public safety threats emanating from Florida Power & Light's Turkey Point nuclear facility. In the past 3 years, we have seen issues related to overheating of the cooling canals at the facility as well as saltwater intrusion into the Biscayne aquifer. The lack of state enforcement has enabled matters to reach a point where a state administrative law judge recommended rescission of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's administrative order on Turkey Point, finding their actions inadequate. Adding to these concerns, yesterday Miami-Dade County released a report that showed high levels of radioactive contamination in the Biscayne aquifer, likely as a result of leaking from the Turkey Point facility cooling canals.

In light of continued issues and this recent evidence of potential threats to public safety and the environment, I respectfully request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency take action to protect the public under powers granted your agency by the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act or other legal authority. State regulators have, unfortunately, failed to adequately do so and I ask for your agency's direct involvement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Javier Rodriguez".

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