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From:	Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent:	Tuesday, December 01, 2015 9:43 AM
То:	Commissioner Correspondence
Subject:	Fwd: THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANOTHER FPL PLANT

Please place the following email in Docket No. 150196-EI, consumers and their representatives.

Thank you, Katherine

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: danlarson <<u>danlarson@bellsouth.net</u>> Date: December 1, 2015 at 7:20:28 AM EST To: Office Of Commissioner Edgar <<u>commissioner.edgar@psc.state.fl.us</u>>, "Office of Commissioner Brown" <<u>commissioner.brown@psc.state.fl.us</u>>, "Office Of Commissioner Graham" <<u>commissioner.graham@psc.state.fl.us</u>>, Office of Commissioner Brisé <<u>chairman.brise@psc.state.fl.us</u>>, "J.R. Kelly (OPC)" <<u>kelly.jr@leg.state.fl.us</u>>, Jim Varian <<u>jvarian@psc.state.fl.us</u>>, "Robert Scheffel Wright (FRF)" <<u>schef@gbwlegal.com</u>> Subject: THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANOTHER FPL PLANT Reply-To: danlarson <<u>danlarson@bellsouth.net></u>

In Miami they are going to 10,000 feet for Deep Well Injection so this means the 3500 foot deep well injections are a failure. So Please do not authorize one more plant for FPL until they think of a way to stop poisoning the future groundwater needs for the State of Florida. FPL is the biggest polluter above the ground and below. Lake Okeechobee cannot take another ounce of pollution.

P. S. the Turkey Point Nuclear plant is using an EXTRA 100 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY on top of it's overuse of fresh water. PLEASE demand they clean up that mess immediately. They are destroying Florida Bay and the Everglades.

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Posted: 30 Nov 2015 05:11 AM PST

Florida Audubon's OPED, published recently in a Hawaii, by Eric Draper was meant to put Hawaii at ease in the pending merger of Hawaii's electric utility with FPL. Draper, contrary to fact, claimed that FPL was a great corporate citizen. <u>"One utility that always listens to Everglades advocates -- in fact, they seek our guidance -- is NextEra and its subsidiary, Florida Power & Light,"</u> dismissing with a few key strokes the decades of FPL's fighting environmentalists at every turn at its Turkey Point nuclear facility. Judging from the outcome, FPL *never* listens to Everglades advocates or does so only after investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to "tenderize" its opposition. There is another OPED in the Hawaii newspaper today, putting FPL in a different context:

ISLAND VOICES

<u>NextEra takeover of HEI would serve only to enshrine status quo monopoly</u> <u>By Rep. Chris Lee</u> POSTED: 01:30 a.m. HST, Nov 29, 2015

Enough of my neighbors seem to think NextEra's big claims for savings sound too good to be true that they keep asking: What is it that NextEra isn't telling us?

Recent NextEra disclosures finally reveal what hasn't been said: Billions of dollars in costs will likely be added to our electric bills.

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Florida's Success Story: Shifting the costs of waste disposal to future generations ... by gimleteye

Posted: 30 Nov 2015 12:02 PM PST

Back in the good old days -- the late 1990's when Jeb Bush was a fresh-faced and ambitious young governor -- I lead a Florida Sierra Club effort to hold the line on using underground aquifers as repositories for waste disposal on a massive scale. Provisions within the Safe Drinking Water Act, a landmark federal regulation, prohibited the "migration" of fluids injected underground from leaking between geologic layers. The idea at the time was that underground supplies of drinking water should not be put at risk by engineered solutions to waste disposal. The EPA, under the guise of an exemption, had allowed Florida to proceed to regulate wastewater disposal wells despite information they were leaking.

This isn't a sexy issue for people who could care less where their piss and shit go once they flush the toilet. Still, most people would agree that as a general rule, crapping in your water supply is a really, really bad idea.

The Sierra Club group in Miami had done a little research and, using the county's own statistics, discovered that wells used to dispose of scarcely treated municipal wastewater generating tens of millions of gallons per day by Miami's residents, businesses, and visitors, was indeed leaking from the deep underground layers where it was supposed to be confined by law. Known by the bland, anodyne term "Underground Injection Control", these wells were violating federal law and Sierra Club -- dab summit! -- decided to sue.

The Bush EPA had a different idea. They decided to eliminate the restrictive provision in the Safe Drinking Water Act, and in doing so not only legalized the clear failure of "control" to protect drinking water but also paved the way for the explosion of wealth creation through fracking for natural gas in the rest of the nation. It is a little known footnote to the 2000's that the inconvenient "migration" of Miami-Dade sewage injected underground through deep wells helped Halliburton, Cheney et al. make billions in natural gas exploration, production and transmission, and in doing so, put drinking water supplies at significant risk.

Sierra Club tried -- I spent well over a year on this project -- to assess the scope and scale of underground injection control in Florida. We discovered two phenomena: first, that there were so many municipal wells dug into the porous geology of the state as to render a drawing in which Florida looked like a very large piece of Swiss cheese and, second, that the Jeb Bush administration in Tallahassee treated this point of intersection between well drilling and underground geology like a state secret. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, delegated by the EPA to administer all wastewater rules and enforcement, was closed tighter than the Kremlin. It was not just that the Bush people despised Sierra Club. They were on a mission: to make the growth of housing and construction easier, faster, no matter what the costs to the future.

A key to campaign contributions that fueled the Bush juggernaut was cheap disposal of wastewater throughout the state, through wells drilled into so-called "boulder zones". In this case and so many other environmental crimes in Florida, the Hippocratic oath: first, do no harm, did not and would not ever apply. <u>In 2012 Scientific America</u> <u>published the following</u>, "In 10 to 100 years we are going to find out that most of our groundwater is polluted," said Mario Salazar, an engineer who worked for 25 years as a technical expert with the EPA's underground injection program in Washington. "A lot of people are going to get sick, and a lot of people may die."

It should NOT have to turn out this way. Our laws intend to protect lives and public health from risk of pollution at it source and pollution that is widely dispersed. The premise being tested in Paris, today, is whether nations will steer the planet's climate away from 2 degrees warming by man-made carbon dioxide. The threat is in the air, but we should also be concerned about what is happening in the aquifer, right under our feet.

(also read our recent story <u>Deepest Injection Well in the Country at Virginia Key</u>)

ICK Photo of the Week. By Geniusofdespair

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Yes I know it is part of the job to be photographed with people, but this Society Sunday Miami Herald Photo of Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava with Lobbyist Ron Book made me spit out my coffee. Levine Cava celebrates small business Friday. Is this lobbyist Saturday night? (Sally Heyman was also in the shot). Ron Book gave \$2,500 to Lynda Bell's campaign against Daniella Levine Cava. Now I bet he is kissing Daniella's ring.

Lobbyists are like the mafia, I am sure his reply to her on skunking her campaign is: "It was just business." Well, No Ron it is more. You should support candidates that are right for the people of this good community not for your pocketbook. Lynda Bell was toxic for us.

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