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How safe is Turkey Point Plant?

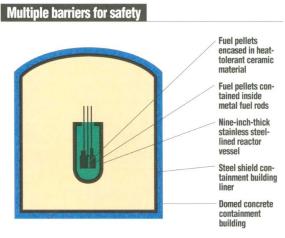
Safety is FPL's top priority in operating the Turkey Point nuclear plant. Extra care and time are taken to ensure safety regulations are met and even exceeded.

Nuclear energy production also is monitored closely by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a federal government agency. Daily inspections are conducted on-site at Turkey Point to guarantee compliance with federal regulations on public heath, safety and the environment. Safe, reliable service is maintained through a variety of back up safety measures. Several identical safety systems are in place so that if one fails, others automatically go to work.

Multiple barriers for safety

Additionally, the Turkey Point plant is constructed with multiple safety barriers that keep radioactive materials in control and

out of the environment. (For further information on how Turkey Point operates see page 11.) The uranium fuel*is encased in half-inch long, cylindrical ceramic pellets. These pellets are stacked end-to-end inside sealed metal tubes that are resistant to corrosion, radiation and heat. These fuel



tubes are part of a fuel assembly which is immersed in water in the reactor core. The core is inside a steel pressure vessel nine-inches thick.

All this is shielded inside a containment building made of concrete more than three-feet thick, laced with steel rods and lined with steel walls. Containment buildings are designed to withstand severe external forces such as hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes - even a direct hit by a jet aircraft.

Safety is further enhanced by the fact that nuclear reactors cannot explode like an atomic bomb. The concentration of uranium fuel used at Turkey Point is simply too low to produce a nuclear explosion.