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NRC ASSIGNS NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials recently selected Natasha Childs as the resident inspector for Progress Energy's Crystal River nuclear power plant, located near Crystal River, Fla., about 80 miles north of Tampa.

Childs joined the NRC in October 2008 as a Project Engineer in the Resident Inspector Development Program in the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta. She successfully completed the Resident Inspector Qualification Program last year.

Prior to joining the NRC, Childs spent eight years working as a Design Engineer and System Engineer at the Palisades nuclear plant in Michigan and the Watts Bar nuclear plant in Tennessee.

Childs attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

"Natasha Childs has the experience and commitment to carry out the NRC mission of protecting people and the environment, and to help ensure the safety of all activities at the Crystal River plant," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree.

At least two NRC resident inspectors are assigned to each U.S. commercial nuclear plant. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public. Resident inspectors can serve at one site for up to seven years.

The Crystal River resident inspectors can be reached at 352-795-7677.

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