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### **NEW NRC RESIDENT INSPECTOR ASSIGNED TO INDIAN POINT 3 NUCLEAR PLANT**

Thomas R. Hipschman has been assigned as the new Nuclear Regulatory Commission senior resident inspector at the Indian Point 3 nuclear power plant. He joins NRC Resident Inspector Robert Berryman at the plant, in Buchanan, N.Y. Mr. Hipschman replaces Peter Drysdale, who is retiring after 30 years of government service.

NRC Region I Administrator Hubert J. Miller said, "Tom Hipschman's extensive experience and commitment to safety will help the NRC in its mission to ensure that Indian Point meets the high standards we insist upon for reactor operation in the United States."

Hipschman first joined the NRC in December 1997 as a reactor inspector in the Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa. He was assigned as an NRC resident inspector at the Oyster Creek nuclear plant in Lacey Township, N.J. in 1998. In July 2001, Hipschman took a position with the National Nuclear Security Agency in Oak Ridge Tennessee. He returned to the NRC in June 2002 as a reactor inspector in the Region I office.

Prior to joining the NRC, Hipschman worked as an operations supervisor at the Salem Generating Station in Lower Alloways Creek, N.J., and at the Westinghouse Hanford Company in Richland, WA. He also served as an officer in the United States Navy.

Hipschman is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he earned a bachelor's degree in applied science. He also earned a master's degree in science of engineering from the Wharton School and the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Hipschman lives in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. 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.

The Indian Point resident inspectors can be reached at 914/739-8565.

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