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NRC NAMES NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have appointed Stephen "Max" Schneider as the agency's Senior Resident Inspector at the Pilgrim nuclear power plant. He joins Resident Inspector Chris Welch at the Plymouth, Mass., plant.

Schneider, who previously served as Senior Resident Inspector at the Millstone nuclear power plant in Waterford, Conn., replaces Bill Raymond, who has been appointed as the Senior Resident Inspector for the Seabrook nuclear power plant in Seabrook, N.H.

"Max Schneider has extensive technical and regulatory experience, and has demonstrated the dedication to safety to carry out NRC's commitment to protect people and the environment," said NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins. "He is our eyes and ears on site, monitoring daily operations."

Schneider joined the NRC's Region IV Office in Arlington, Tex., as a reactor engineer in 1999. In 2000, he was assigned as a Resident Inspector at the River Bend nuclear power plant in Louisiana and then in 2002 was promoted to the Millstone position. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Lowell in Massachusetts.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two NRC Resident Inspectors. They conduct regular inspections, monitoring significant work projects and talking with plant workers and the public.

The Resident Inspectors at the Pilgrim plant can be reached at 508-747-0565.

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