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NRC ASSIGNS NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta have selected Phil O'Bryan as the new senior resident inspector at the Brunswick nuclear power plant, located near Southport, N.C. He joins NRC Resident Inspector Greg Kolcum and Site Secretary Betty Hitchuk at the plant, which is operated by Progress Energy.

O'Bryan joined the NRC as a project engineer in the Region II office in August 2003. He later held the positions of resident inspector and senior resident inspector at the Harris Nuclear Plant near Raleigh. Prior to joining the NRC, O'Bryan served in the U.S. Navy's nuclear service for six years, and worked as an engineer at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratories for eight years. O'Bryan holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Southern Indiana and a master's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Tennessee.

"Phil O'Bryan has the experience and commitment to safety to carry out the NRC mission of protecting people and the environment, and to help ensure the safe operation of the Brunswick plant," said NRC Region II Administrator Luis Reyes.

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. Resident inspectors can be assigned to any one site for up to seven years.

The Brunswick resident inspectors can be reached at 910-457-9531.

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