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NRC NAMES NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected Michelle P. Catts as the senior resident inspector at the Brunswick nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by Duke Energy, is near Southport, N.C., about 22 miles south of Wilmington.



"Michelle Catts has the experience and commitment to safety to help ensure that the Brunswick plant operates in a way that protects public health and safety," said NRC Regional Administrator Victor McCree.

Catts earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University. Before joining the NRC in 2003, she worked in the fuels group for Exelon Corp., which operates several nuclear power plants.

She joined the NRC as a reactor engineer in the NRC's Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. After completing a rigorous inspector qualification program, she worked as a reactor inspector in that office. She then became a resident inspector at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Arizona. Before being named the senior resident inspector at the Brunswick plant, she was the senior resident inspector at Indian Point 2 in New York.

She joins Resident Inspector Mark Schweig at the Brunswick plant. The Brunswick NRC resident inspectors can be reached at 910-457-9531.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting regular inspections, monitoring significant work activities, and interacting with plant workers and the public.

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