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NRC ASSIGNS NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION

Zachary Dunham has been assigned as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's senior resident inspector at the Columbia Generating Station near Richland, WA. Dunham succeeds George Replogle.

"Zach Dunham's commitment to safety will help the NRC monitor Columbia Generating Station to ensure that it meets the high safety standards we insist upon for all reactors operating in the United States." said NRC Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett.

Since June 2003, Zachary has served as the resident inspector at the Columbia Generating Station and assumed the duties and responsibilities of the senior resident inspector position earlier this month. Previously, he served as the resident inspector at the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant in Wisconsin.

Zachary joined the U.S. Navy in 1988 as a machinist mate. He was selected for a naval officer commissioning program and in 1993 he received his Bachelor's degree in physics from Oregon State University. Zachary then served as an officer aboard nuclear powered submarines until 1998.

Each of the country's commercial nuclear power plants has assigned NRC resident inspectors who serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting regular inspections, monitoring significant work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public. The resident inspectors at Columbia can be reached at 509-377-2627.

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