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NRC NAMES NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT OYSTER CREEK

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Thomas R. Hipschman as the new NRC inspector at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Lacey Township, N.J. He joins Senior Resident Inspector Joseph Schoppy at the site.

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 interfacing with plant workers and the public.

Mr. Hipschman joined the NRC in 1997 as a reactor engineer in the Region I Division of Reactor Projects. Prior to joining the agency, Mr. Hipschman worked at Public Service Electric and Gas Company's Salem nuclear plant in Lower Alloways Creek Township, N.J. He also worked for the Westinghouse Hanford Company as a shift manager.

He served in the United States Navy on the USS Norfolk, the USS Sam Houston and at the US Space Command.

Mr. Hipschman graduated from Stevens High School in Rapid City, S.D., and the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor's of Science in applied science. Currently, he's attending the University of Pennsylvania as a Moore fellow in the Executive Master of Science in engineering program.

Mr. Hipschman, his wife and three children live in Lacey Township.

The resident inspectors at Oyster Creek can be reached at 609/693-0702.

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