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NRC ASSIGNS NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT PILGRIM NUCLEAR PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Christopher Welch as the new resident inspector at the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, Mass. He joins Senior Resident Inspector William Raymond at the site.

Russ Arrighi, who had been an inspector at Pilgrim since 1997, was recently reassigned to a position in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Md.

Welch joined the NRC's Region I office in 1997, as a reactor engineer. Most recently, he was a resident inspector at the Robert E. Ginna nuclear plant near Rochester, N.Y. Prior to joining the NRC, he worked as an assistant chief test engineer at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, N.H. Welch earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Welch, his wife and three children live in Sandwich.

Every commercial nuclear power plant in the U.S. has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They have an office where they work at the facility, conducting regular inspections and monitoring significant work projects.

The Pilgrim resident inspectors can be reached at 508/747-0565.

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