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NRC ASSIGNS NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has assigned Pablo Benvenuto as resident inspector at Palo Verde, a nuclear power plant near Phoenix, Az.

“Pablo Benvenuto’s training and commitment to safety will aid the NRC in oversight of the licensee as part of our assurance that Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station operates in a manner so as to protect public health and safety,” said NRC Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallet.

Benvenuto joins Nancy Salgado, Greg Warnick and Jim Melfi, the current resident inspectors at the plant. He will fill an anticipated vacancy that will occur next spring, when Salgado transfers to the NRC’s Region IV office in Arlington, Tx., and Warnick replaces her as senior resident.

Benvenuto graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1999. He then joined the U.S. Navy and taught at the Naval Nuclear Power School in Charleston, S.C. Benvenuto also received a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina and is currently finishing a Master of Nuclear Engineering from the University of Tennessee.

In October 2003, Benvenuto joined the NRC at the Region IV office as a reactor engineer. In July, he was assigned to Projects Branch B as a project engineer. Benvenuto and his wife have three children and will reside in Goodyear, Az.

Each of the country’s commercial nuclear plants has 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 Palo Verde can be reached at (623) 386-3638.

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