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NRC NAMES NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named Michelle Catts as a resident inspector at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. The plant, operated by Arizona Public Service Co., is located 55 miles west of Phoenix, Ariz.

“Michelle Catts’ experience and commitment to safety will help the NRC ensure that Palo Verde conducts operations with the highest safety standards to protect public health and safety,” said NRC Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett.

Catts holds a bachelor of science degree in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University. Before joining the NRC in 2003, she worked in a fuel design group for Exelon Corp., which operates several nuclear power plants.

She has worked in NRC’s Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa., as a reactor engineer in the Division of Reactor Projects and as a reactor inspector in the Division of Reactor Safety.

She joins two other resident inspectors assigned at Palo Verde, who can be reached at (623) 386-3638.

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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