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NRC ASSIGNS NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO SURRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region II Office in Atlanta has assigned Christopher R. Welch as the new senior resident inspector at the Surry nuclear power plant in Surry, Va. The Surry plant, which has two nuclear reactors, is operated by Dominion.

"Mr. Welch has extensive technical and regulatory experience, and has demonstrated his dedication to safety in carrying out the NRC's mission to protect people and the environment," said NRC Region II Administrator William D. Travers. "He and all our resident inspectors are our eyes and ears on site."

Most recently, Welch was the NRC's resident inspector at the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, Mass. Prior to that, he was a resident inspector at the Ginna nuclear plant near Rochester, N.Y. In 1997, Welch joined the NRC's Region I office in 1997 as a reactor engineer.

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.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They are assigned to each facility, conducting inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.

The Surry resident inspectors can be reached at 757-357-2101.

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