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### NRC NAMES NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR FOR HATCH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected David Hardage as the new resident inspector at Southern Company's Hatch nuclear power plant, located near Baxley, Ga., about 20 miles south of Vidalia.



Hardage joined the NRC in September 2009 as a project engineer in the Resident Inspector Development Program in the Region II office in Atlanta. Before joining the agency, he was a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy and held a number of positions at FPL's Turkey Point and St Lucie nuclear plants in Florida.

Hardage received a Bachelor of Science degree, specializing in Chemistry, from the University of Georgia in 1981 and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Florida Atlantic University in 1999. He also held a senior reactor operator license while he was at the Turkey Point and St Lucie plants.

"Dave Hardage has the knowledge, training and experience to help ensure that the Hatch plant is operated according to NRC regulations and in a way that protects people and the environment," said NRC Region II Administrator Luis Reyes.

At least two NRC resident inspectors are assigned to each U.S. commercial nuclear plant. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public. Resident inspectors can serve at one site for up to seven years.

Hardage joins NRC Senior Resident Inspector Eddie Morris and Site Secretary Edna Dyal at the Hatch plant. The Hatch resident inspectors can be reached at 912-367-9881.

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