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NRC NAMES NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT LIMERICK NUCLEAR PLANT



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Justin Hawkins as the resident inspector for Exelon's Limerick nuclear power plant, in Limerick, Pa. Hawkins joins NRC senior resident inspector Gene DiPaolo at the two-unit site.

Hawkins joined the NRC in August 2007 as a reactor engineer. He successfully completed an extensive inspector qualification program. Most recently, he was a project engineer and reactor inspector in the Region I Division of Reactor Projects. He has served as an acting resident inspector at a number of Region I plants, including Limerick, Hope Creek and Calvert Cliffs.

Hawkins joined the NRC after serving in the United States Navy aboard fast-attack submarines for six years. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a master's in nuclear engineering business management at Old Dominion University.

"Justin Hawkins has the experience and commitment to carry out the NRC mission of protecting people and the environment, and to help ensure the safe operation of the Limerick units," said NRC Region I Administrator Bill Dean.

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.

The Limerick resident inspectors can be reached at 610-327-1344.

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