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New NRC Resident Inspector Assigned to Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Brian Smith as the new Resident Inspector at the Peach Bottom nuclear power plant. He joins Senior Resident Inspector Sam Hansell at the two-unit site in Delta, Pa.

Most recently, Smith was a resident inspector at the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, Mass. He joined the NRC in 2004 and completed the NRC's Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program, a two-year training program that provides specialized training and a broad perspective of NRC activities. He then worked as an engineer in the Performance Assessment Branch in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md. Smith earned master's and bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering from Penn State.

“Brian Smith has the training and commitment to safety that will help the NRC carry out its mission of protecting people and the environment, and he will help ensure the safe operations of the Peach Bottom units,” said NRC Region I Administrator Bill Dean.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear plant site has at least two NRC resident inspectors. 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.

The Peach Bottom resident inspectors can be reached at 717-456-7614.