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NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Seabrook Station



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Christopher Newport as the new resident inspector at the Seabrook nuclear power plant in Seabrook, N.H. The plant is operated by NextEra Energy.

Most recently, Newport was an operations engineer in the Region I Division of Reactor Safety. He joined the agency in 2008 as a project engineer in the Region's Division of Reactor Safety. Newport served in the United States Navy for six years as a nuclear submarine officer on fast attack submarines, including the USS Portsmouth and the USS Norfolk. He has a bachelor's degree in control systems engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a master's in engineering management from the Catholic University of America.

Newport joins NRC Senior Resident Inspector Paul Cataldo, who was assigned to Seabrook earlier this year.

“Chris Newport has the training, experience and commitment to safety that is needed for the NRC to carry out its mission of protecting people and the environment. Pairing Chris with an experienced Senior Resident Inspector like Paul provides us with a great team to oversee plant activities and ensure the safe operation of Seabrook Station,” said NRC Region I Administrator Bill Dean.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear plant 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. Resident Inspectors can be assigned to any one site for up to seven years.

The Seabrook resident inspectors can be reached at 603-474-3589.