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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at River Bend Station



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Jeff Sowa as the new Senior Resident Inspector at the River Bend Station nuclear plant. The plant is located in St. Francisville, La.

“Jeff Sowa’s technical and regulatory experience will assist the NRC in carrying out its mission to protect people and the environment by ensuring the safe operation of River Bend,” said NRC Region IV Administrator Marc Dapas.

Sowa joined the NRC as a project engineer in Region II in 2008, and has served as the Resident Inspector at the Farley nuclear plant since 2010. In 2013, he also served as the acting Senior Resident Inspector at Farley and as a team leader for an inspection at the Hatch nuclear plant. Prior to joining the NRC, he served as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy.

Sowa is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, with a bachelor’s degree in oceanography, and subsequently earned a masters of engineering management degree from Old Dominion University in Virginia and a masters in business administration degree from California State University.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two Resident Inspectors. Sowa joins Andy Barrett at River Bend. They serve as the agency’s eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring significant work projects, and interacting with plant workers and the public.

The River Bend Resident Inspectors can be reached at 225-635-3193.