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NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Farley Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected Kenneth Miller as the resident inspector for Southern Nuclear Operating Co.'s Farley nuclear power plant, located near Columbia, Ala.

The Farley plant is located in south Alabama about 18 miles east of Dothan, and Miller joins NRC Senior Resident Inspector Phil Niebaum.

Since 2010, Miller worked as one of the NRC resident inspectors for construction at the Watts Bar nuclear plant's Unit 2 and then as a resident inspector for the operating Watts Bar Unit 1. The Watts Bar plant is located near Spring City, Tenn., about 60 miles southwest of Knoxville.

Miller began his NRC career as a reactor inspector in the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta in early 2007. Prior to joining the NRC, he was employed as an engineer in the nuclear power industry for more than 35 years and participated in the construction, startup and operation of 19 commercial nuclear plants.

Miller has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Northeastern University in Boston and a master's degree in systems management from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. In addition, he is a registered professional engineer in five states.

"Ken Miller has the experience, knowledge and dedication to carry out the NRC mission of protecting people and the environment by helping to ensure the safety of the Farley plant," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree.

At least two NRC resident inspectors are assigned to each operating 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 a reactor site for up to seven years.

The Farley resident inspectors can be reached at 334-899-3386.