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NRC Announces Resident Inspectors at Harris Nuclear Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have announced that John Zeiler is the agency's senior resident inspector and Andy Patz is the resident inspector at Duke Energy's Harris nuclear power plant, located near New Hill, N.C., about 20 miles southwest of Raleigh.



Zeiler joined the NRC in 1986 as a reactor engineer in the Region II office in Atlanta. He spent several years as a reactor inspector in the regional office before being named the resident inspector at Duke's Catawba nuclear station near York, S.C. He has also served as a resident inspector at Duke Energy's Robinson plant near Hartsville, S.C., and Southern Nuclear's Vogtle plant near Waynesboro, Ga.

In 2004, Zeiler became the senior resident inspector at SCE&G's Summer station near Jenkinsville, S.C. He moved to Duke's McGuire nuclear plant in 2011 and was the NRC senior resident inspector there until his new assignment at the Harris plant.

Zeiler holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University in Raleigh.



Patz joined the NRC in 2015 as a reactor operations engineer in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in the NRC's Rockville, Md., headquarters. He worked on the performance assessment of operating reactors until he transferred to the Region II office in 2016 to join the Resident Inspector Development Program.

Before joining the NRC, Patz spent five years as a system engineer and emergency response specialist for multiple U.S. Navy submarine classes and land-based reactors at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory.

Patz received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University.

"John Zeiler's years of experience and commitment to safety and Andy Patz's background and dedication help ensure the Harris plant meets the stringent NRC requirements designed to protect people near the plant and the environment," said NRC Region II Administrator Cathy Haney.

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 NRC resident inspectors at the Harris site can be reached at 919-362-0601.