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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Sequoyah Nuclear Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have named David Hardage as the agency's senior resident inspector at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Sequoyah nuclear power plant, located near Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., about 16 miles northeast of Chattanooga.

Hardage previously served as the resident inspector and senior resident inspector at the Hatch nuclear power plant in Georgia. Prior to moving to the Hatch plant, he was a project engineer in the Resident Inspector Development Program in the Region II office in Atlanta.

Before joining the NRC, Hardage was a U.S. Navy submarine officer and after leaving the Navy, held a number of positions at the Turkey Point and St. Lucie nuclear plants in Florida.

Hardage received a bachelor's degree, specializing in chemistry, from the University of Georgia in 1981 and a master's degree in civil engineering from Florida Atlantic University in 1999. He also held a senior reactor operator license while he was at the Turkey Point and St. Lucie plants. In addition, Hardage is a licensed professional engineer in Georgia.

"Dave Hardage has the knowledge and experience to help ensure the Sequoyah plant meets NRC safety regulations," 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 Sequoyah site can be reached at 423-842-8001.