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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Fermi Nuclear Plant



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Tom Briley as the new senior resident inspector at the Fermi nuclear power plant. The plant is operated by DTE Electric Co., and is located in Newport, Mich., 25 miles northeast of Toledo, Ohio.

“Tom Briley’s education and regulatory experience reflect his capabilities and dedication to the NRC’s mission of ensuring safe nuclear energy. As a senior resident inspector he will help ensure the plant maintains the high standards set by this agency,” said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson.

Briley joined the agency in 2009 as a reactor engineer in the Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program and graduated in 2011. After successfully completing the agency’s inspector qualification program, he served as a resident inspector at the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant in Ohio. Briley received his bachelor’s degree in 2008 and his master’s degree in 2009 both from the University of Michigan in nuclear engineering and radiological sciences.

Each commercial nuclear power plant site in the United States has at least two resident inspectors who monitor day-to-day operations at the plant. Briley joins NRC resident inspector Phil Smagacz at the Fermi facility.

The NRC resident inspectors have offices at the Fermi plant and can be reached at 734-586-2798.