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NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Braidwood Nuclear Power Station



The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Phillip Smagacz as the new resident inspector at the Braidwood nuclear power plant. The dual-unit plant is located in Braceville, Ill., approximately 20 miles southwest of Joliet and is operated by Exelon Generation Co.

Smagacz joined the NRC in 2008 as a reactor engineer in Region III. He has also served as the NRC resident inspector at the Fermi nuclear power plant. Smagacz holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in nuclear engineering from Purdue University.

Each commercial nuclear power plant site in the United States has at least two resident inspectors who monitor day-to-day operations. Smagacz will join NRC senior resident inspector Dan Kimble at the Braidwood facility. They will serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections and monitoring significant work projects.

The NRC resident inspectors can be reached at (630) 829-9506.