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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Columbia Generating Station



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Chris Roettgen as the new senior resident inspector at the Columbia Generating Station in Richland, Wash.

Roettgen joined the NRC in 2014 as a project engineer in the agency's Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. He subsequently served as the resident inspector at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Lusby, Md. Prior to joining the agency, he served for 10 years as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy. Roettgen earned a

bachelor's degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's in applied physics from the University of Maryland.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant site has at least two NRC resident inspectors. Roettgen joins resident inspector Lindsay Merker, serving as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring significant work projects, and interacting with plant workers and the public.