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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have named Jeffery Steward as the new NRC senior resident inspector at the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant in Athens, Ala. The three-unit plant is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Most recently, Steward was a resident inspector at the Brunswick nuclear power plant in North Carolina. He joined the NRC in March 2016, as a reactor engineer in the NRC's Region III office in Lisle, Ill. Prior to joining the agency, he was an energy industry analyst at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and an NRC-licensed operator and certified license training instructor at the Perry nuclear power plant in Ohio.

He began his career as a nuclear-trained submarine electrical operator in the U.S. Navy and continued to serve as a reservist in various units and assignments until 2009, when he retired with 31 years of service.

Steward earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering technology from Thomas Edison State University and a master's degree in management from Troy University.

Steward joins resident inspectors Nick Karlovich and Matthew Kirk at Browns Ferry. Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant site has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring significant work projects, and interacting with plant workers and the public. Resident inspectors are assigned to a site for up to seven years.