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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Surry Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected Silas Kennedy as the agency's new senior resident inspector at the Surry nuclear power plant located in southeastern Virginia. He joins Resident Inspector Brian Towne at the two-unit plant operated by Dominion Energy.

Kennedy joined the NRC in 2001 and has held several positions, including resident inspector at the Millstone nuclear power plant in Connecticut, senior resident inspector at Calvert Cliffs in Maryland, and most recently as the operations chief with the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response at the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

Kennedy holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University. Before joining the NRC, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine service and worked as an engineer in the private sector.

The NRC assigns at least two resident inspectors to each operating U.S. commercial nuclear power plant. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting regular inspections, monitoring plant operations, major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.