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NRC Announces Resident Inspectors at Robinson Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected John Zeiler as the agency's senior resident inspector and Vanna Gaffney as the resident inspector at Duke Energy's H.B. Robinson nuclear power plant, located near Hartsville, South Carolina.

Zeiler joined the NRC in 1986 as a reactor engineer in the Region II office in Atlanta. He spent several years as a reactor inspector before being named the resident inspector at Duke's Catawba nuclear station in York, South Carolina. During his more than 30 years with the NRC, he has served as a resident inspector at multiple nuclear power plants in the southeast and as the senior resident inspector at three sites, most recently the Harris nuclear power plant in North Carolina.

Zeiler holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University.



Gaffney joined the NRC in 2021 as a project engineer in the Resident Inspector Development Program in the agency's Region II office in Atlanta. Before joining the NRC, she spent 11 years as an engineer with the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management, working in health physics, radiation protection, and nuclear criticality safety.

Gaffney earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from South Carolina State University and a master's degree in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University.

"John and Vanna are a highly trained, educated, and experienced team of inspectors selected to serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the Robinson nuclear power plant," said NRC Region II Administrator Laura Dudes. "They are graduates from one of the top nuclear engineering programs in the country and bring more than 40 years of experience protecting people and the environment to their roles."

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.