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NRC Names New Resident Inspector at the Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected John Vera as the new resident inspector at the Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant in Burlington, Kan.

Vera joined the NRC in 2008 as a structural engineer in the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md. He transferred to the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, in 2018, and has served as acting resident inspector at the Columbia Generating Station in Washington and the Waterford nuclear power plant in Louisiana.

Vera holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in civil engineering from the University of Puerto Rico and is a graduate of the NRC's nuclear safety professional development program.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant site has at least two NRC resident inspectors, who 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. Vera joins acting senior resident inspector Mike Stafford.