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New NRC Senior Resident Inspector Assigned to Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Jigar Patel as the new senior resident inspector at the Hope Creek Generating Station in Hancock's Bridge, N.J. He joins NRC Resident Inspector Dan Beacon at the site, operated by PSEG Nuclear.

Most recently, Patel was the resident inspector at Hope Creek. He joined the NRC in 2011 as a region-based engineering inspector in the Region I Division of Reactor Safety. Prior to joining the agency, he worked for nearly five years as an electrical design engineer. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Delaware.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public. Resident inspectors can be assigned to any one site for up to seven years.