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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Christopher Highley as the new senior resident inspector at the Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Salem Township (Luzerne County), Pa.

Highley joined the NRC in late 2014 as a reactor engineer in the Division of Reactor Projects in the agency's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa. Since November 2015, he has served as the resident inspector at the Millstone nuclear power plant in Connecticut.

Prior to joining the agency, Highley served for more than 25 years in the U.S. Navy, including 11 years as an enlisted nuclear operator. His assignments included serving onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, at the Charleston Nuclear Power Training Unit and as a combat systems officer and joint planning officer with the U.S. Army's III Corps and U.S. Forces Iraq.

Highley holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry, with a minor in math and physics, from the University of Arizona.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. Highley joins resident inspector Matt Rossi, serving as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring significant work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.