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NRC ASSIGNS NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta have selected Joe Austin as the new senior resident inspector at the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant, located southwest of Raleigh. He joins Resident Inspector Pat Lessard and Site Secretary Ann Kroeger at the plant, which is operated by Progress Energy.

Austin joined the NRC as a reactor engineer in the Region II office in 2002. He later served as a resident inspector and then senior resident inspector at Progress Energy's Brunswick nuclear power plant near Southport, N.C. Before joining the agency, he worked for Constellation Energy where he held a senior reactor operator license. Austin received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland.

"Joe Austin has the experience and commitment to safety to carry out the NRC mission of protecting people and the environment, and to help ensure the safe operation of the Harris plant," said NRC Region II Administrator Luis Reyes.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear 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.

The Harris resident inspectors can be reached at 919-362-0601.

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