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### NRC NAMES NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION



The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Blake Rice as the new resident inspector at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station located 50 miles southwest of Jackson, MS.

“Blake Rice’s background and regulatory experience will assist the NRC in carrying out its mission of protecting people and the environment and ensuring the safe operation of nuclear power plants,” said NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins.

Rice joined the NRC in 2006 and most recently was a reactor inspector in the NRC Region IV office in Arlington, TX. He began his career at NRC headquarters performing design certification reviews in the Office of New Reactors and transferred to the Region IV office in 2008. Rice holds a master’s degree in nuclear engineering from Kansas State University and a bachelor’s degree in physics from Washburn University.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant site has at least two NRC resident inspectors. Rice joins senior resident inspector Richard Smith. They serve as the agency’s eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections and monitoring significant work projects.

The Grand Gulf resident inspectors can be reached at: (601) 437-4620.

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