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NRC Assigns New Senior Resident Inspector to Robinson Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected Kevin Ellis as the senior resident inspector for Duke Energy's Robinson nuclear power plant, located near Hartsville, S.C., about 26 miles northwest of Florence. Ellis joins NRC Resident Inspector Christian Scott at the Robinson site.

Ellis joined the NRC in 2007 as a project engineer in the Resident Inspector Development Program in the Region II office in Atlanta. Ellis has served as acting resident inspector at the Summer nuclear plant and then worked as a project engineer in the Region II Division of Reactor Projects. Since 2009, he has served as one of the resident inspectors at Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station near Seneca, S.C.

Prior to joining the agency, he was a nuclear engineer for Norfolk Naval Shipyard, where he achieved qualification as a shift refueling engineer. His primary responsibilities included planning, training and execution of operations for disassembly, nuclear refueling, and reassembly of naval nuclear reactors. Ellis graduated with high honors from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a native of Wilson, N.Y.

"Kevin Ellis has the commitment and experience to carry out the NRC mission of protecting people and the environment by helping to ensure the safety of the Robinson plant," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree.

At least two NRC resident inspectors are assigned to each operating U.S. commercial nuclear plant. 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 serve at a reactor site for up to seven years.

The Robinson resident inspectors can be reached at 843-383-4571.