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## DAVID L. PELTON ASSIGNED AS NEW NRC SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT VERMONT YANKEE

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected David L. Pelton as the new senior resident inspector at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vt. He replaces Brian McDermott, who was promoted to a branch chief position in the Regional Office.

Every commercial nuclear power plant in the U.S. has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They have an office where they work at the facility, conducting regular inspections and monitoring significant work projects.

Most recently, Pelton was a senior operations engineer in the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill. Prior to that he was a resident inspector at the Braidwood Power Station in Braceville, Ill. For several months earlier this year, he was an acting branch chief in the Region III Division of Reactor Safety.

Before joining the NRC in 1997, Pelton was a nuclear engineer at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, N.H. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

Pelton joins resident inspector Ed Knutson at Vermont Yankee. They can be reached at 802/257-4319.

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