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NEW NRC SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR ASSIGNED TO LIMERICK GENERATING STATION

Samuel L. Hansell has been assigned as the new Nuclear Regulatory Commission senior resident inspector at the Limerick Generating Station in Sanatoga, Pa. He joins NRC Resident Inspector Blake Welling at the two-unit site. Hansell replaces Arthur Burritt, who was reassigned to the NRC Regional Office in King of Prussia.

NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins said, "Sam Hansell's extensive experience and commitment to safety will help the NRC in its mission to ensure that Limerick continues to meet the high standards we insist upon for reactor operation in the United States."

Hansell first joined the NRC in April 1990 as a licensed operator examiner in Region I. In 1998, he was assigned as a resident inspector at Limerick. The following year he was promoted to senior resident inspector at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Berwick, Pa.

Prior to joining the agency, Hansell worked for PSEG as a reactor operator and senior reactor operator at Hope Creek nuclear plant in Hancock's Bridge, N.J., and in the operations department with Public Service Enterprise Group.

Hansell is a graduate of Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, N.J., where he earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering technology.

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.

The Limerick resident inspectors can be reached at 610/327-1344.