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## NRC NAMES REECE NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR PLANT IN VIRGINIA

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials at the Region II office in Atlanta have assigned James Reece as the Senior Resident Inspector at the North Anna nuclear power plant near Mineral, Va. Reece had been the Resident Inspector for more than three years at the Watts Bar nuclear power plant near Spring City, Tenn.

Before assignment to Watts Bar, Reece worked as a project engineer in the Region II office. Prior to joining the NRC in March 2001, Reece gained 20 years of nuclear utility experience by working in multiple positions associated with engineering, maintenance and operations at Duke Power Company's Oconee nuclear station near Seneca, S.C., at Duke's general office in Charlotte, N.C., and at the company's Catawba nuclear station near York, S.C. Reece held a senior reactor operating license at Catawba from 1989 through March 2001, and has a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Auburn University in Alabama.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting regular inspections, monitoring significant work projects, and interfacing with plant personnel and the public.

Reece joins NRC resident inspector Gerald Wilson and site secretary Barbara Longley at the North Anna office where they can be reached at 540-894-5421.

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