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NRC ASSIGNS NEW SR. RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Marc S. Ferdas as the new senior resident inspector at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Lacey Township, N.J.

"Marc's experience and commitment to safety will help the NRC ensure that Oyster Creek conducts operations with the highest safety standards to protect the public health and safety," said NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins.

Ferdas replaces Robert Summers, who was reassigned to the NRC Regional Office in King of Prussia.

Ferdas joined the NRC in 1998 as a reactor engineer intern. After a period of training, he was assigned as a region-based inspector in the Region I Division of Reactor Safety. As such he performed inspections at nuclear power plants in the northeastern United States. Most recently, he was a resident inspector at the Hope Creek site in Hancock's Bridge, N.J., for three years.

Ferdas earned a degree in chemical engineering from Rutgers College of Engineering in Piscataway, N.J. He also received a master's in engineering management from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

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

The Oyster Creek resident inspectors can be reached at 609/693-0702.