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## NEW NRC RESIDENT INSPECTOR ASSIGNED TO SALEM NUCLEAR PLANT

Harry Balian has been selected as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's new resident inspector at the Salem nuclear power plant in Hancocks Bridge, N.J. He joins NRC Senior Resident Inspector Daniel Orr at the two-unit site. He replaces George Malone, who was promoted to senior resident inspector at the nearby Hope Creek plant.

"Harry Balian's training, education and diverse experience will aid the NRC in its oversight of the company as part of our effort to ensure that the Salem nuclear plant operates in a manner that continues to protect public health and safety," said NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins.

Balian joined the NRC in November 2003 as an operations engineer in the Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. Prior to joining the agency, he was an operations supervisor and maintenance rule engineer at Amergen's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Middletown, Pa. He also was an auditor and financial analyst with GPU Service Corp. He served for six years in the United States Navy and is a Desert Storm veteran.

Balian earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Villanova University, a master's in business administration from The Pennsylvania State University and a juris doctor from The Widener University School of Law. He was admitted to both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania bar in 1998.

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 inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.

The Salem resident inspectors can be reached at 856/935-5151.