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NRC Assigns New Senior Resident Inspector to Surry Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have selected Philip McKenna as the Senior Resident Inspector for Dominion's Surry nuclear power plant, located near Surry, Va., about 17 miles northwest of Newport News.

McKenna joined the NRC in September 2008 as a reactor inspector in the Division of Reactor Safety in the Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. Since 2010, he was the Resident Inspector at the Salem nuclear plant in New Jersey.

Before joining the agency, he was a submarine officer for 25 years in the U.S. Navy. His last assignment was as Executive Officer of Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn. McKenna received a Bachelor of Science degree in applied science from the U.S. Naval Academy.

"Phil McKenna has the experience and commitment to carry out the NRC mission of protecting people and the environment, and to help ensure the safe operation of the Surry plant," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree.

At least two NRC resident inspectors are assigned to each U.S. commercial nuclear plant. 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. Resident Inspectors can serve at one site for up to seven years.

McKenna joins NRC Resident Inspector Jared Nadel at the Surry site. They can be reached at 757-357-2101.