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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected Dan Orr as the senior resident inspector at the St. Lucie nuclear power plant. Florida Power & Light Co. operates the site, approximately 10 miles southeast of Fort Pierce, Florida.

“Dan's dedication to protecting people and the environment is evident with over 20 years of experience with the NRC. He will professionally and effectively lead the agency's inspection efforts at the St. Lucie facility,” said NRC Region II Administrator Laura Dudes.

Orr joined the NRC in 1997. He was the senior resident inspector at the Turkey Point nuclear power plant before moving to St. Lucie. He also served as senior reactor inspector in the Region I Division of Reactor Safety in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and gained experience in the resident inspector program as the senior resident inspector at the Salem and Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Stations and resident inspector at Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

Before joining the NRC, Orr was a licensed senior reactor operator and control room supervisor at Dresden Nuclear Power Station. He also served in the U.S. Navy as a shift engineer for the S5G Naval Nuclear Prototype and as a submarine officer aboard the USS Finback.

Orr received a Bachelor of Science degree in electronic engineering from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California.

Resident inspectors have a variety of backgrounds. Most join the NRC with engineering or science degrees and receive extensive training from the agency. The rigorous training program educates the inspectors about federal safety regulations and their role in independently verifying licensees meet the requirements at U.S. operating commercial reactors.

Each commercial nuclear power plant in the United States has at least two resident inspectors who monitor day-to-day operations. They conduct inspections, observe significant work projects, and serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility.