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## **NRC SR. RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT PEACH BOTTOM RECEIVES MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FOR INSPECTOR EXCELLENCE**

Anthony C. McMurtray has been honored by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for superior performance at its Twenty-fourth Annual Awards Ceremony. McMurtray is the senior resident inspector at the Peach Bottom nuclear power plant in Delta, Pa.

McMurtray was presented a Meritorious Service Award for Inspector Excellence at the awards ceremony in Rockville, Md., on June 7. The Meritorious Service Award is the Commission's second highest honor and is given for meritorious achievement or service of unusual value which substantially contributes to the accomplishment of the agency's mission and has agency-wide significance.

The citation accompanying the award read, "In recognition of his extraordinary performance as the Senior Resident Inspector at Peach Bottom and as a member of a team that observed the Indian Point Unit 2 licensee during an extended outage in 1998. Mr. McMurtray's professionalism, his deep understanding of complex technical issues associated with nuclear power reactors, and his ability to communicate his findings have won him the respect of licensees and his colleagues. His inspection skills have also enhanced the NRC's reputation for integrity and independence. In 1998, he pointed out the link between managerial and operational deficiencies at Indian Point Unit 2, providing the basis for NRC actions after the steam generator tube burst at the plant in February 2000. He was a member of the task force that evaluated the pilot implementation of the revised reactor oversight process. His coaching of the Peach Bottom resident inspector staff has enormously improved inspection skills at the plant."

McMurtray was assigned to Peach Bottom in November 1997. He began his NRC career in 1993 in the Region III office in Lisle, Ill., as a reactor engineer. He was appointed resident inspector at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Station, near Two Rivers, Wis., in 1994. McMurtray was promoted to the Point Beach senior resident inspector position in 1996.

Prior to joining the NRC, McMurtray worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va., for 12 years. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland.

McMurtray, his wife, Suzanne, and their three sons reside in Bel Air, Md.

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