



NRC NEWS

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Public Affairs, Region I
475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pa.

www.nrc.gov

No. I-06-059

Contact: Diane Screnci, 610/337-5330
Neil Sheehan, 610/337-5331

November 15, 2006

Email: opa1@nrc.gov

NEW NRC RESIDENT INSPECTOR ASSIGNED TO MILLSTONE NUCLEAR PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Ricardo Fernandes as the new resident inspector at the Millstone nuclear power plant in Waterford, Conn. He joins NRC Senior Resident Inspector Stephen Schneider and Resident Inspector Jamie Benjamin at the two unit site.

Most recently, Fernandes worked in the NRC Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. He first joined the NRC in 1993 as a reactor engineer and then worked as a region-based specialist inspector in the Division of Reactor Safety in King of Prussia, Pa. Fernandes then was assigned as a resident inspector at the James A. FitzPatrick and Nine Mile Point nuclear power plants in Scriba, N.Y., and as a senior resident inspector at the R.E. Ginna plant in Ontario, N.Y. He left the agency in 2002 to work as a Senior Reactor Operator at FitzPatrick and rejoined the NRC in February 2006.

"Rick Fernandes has the experience and commitment to safety that will help the NRC ensure that Millstone conducts operations with the highest safety standards to protect public health and safety," said NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins.

Prior to joining the NRC, Fernandes worked for General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division in Connecticut, as a shift test engineer, project engineer and steel trades supervisor. He received a bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear 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 Millstone resident inspectors can be reached at 860/447-3170.

###

NRC news releases are available through a free list serve subscription at the following web address: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/listserver.html>. The NRC homepage at www.nrc.gov also has a SUBSCRIBE link. E-mail notifications are sent to subscribers when news releases are posted to NRC's web site.