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NRC ASSIGNS NEW RESIDENT INSPECTORS TO INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region I Office has assigned Paul C. Cataldo as the new senior resident inspector and Christopher A. Hott as the new resident inspector at the Indian Point 3 nuclear power plant in Buchanan, N.Y. Indian Point Energy Center, which has two operating nuclear power units, is operated by Entergy Nuclear Northeast.

"Both Paul Cataldo and Chris Hott have extensive technical and regulatory experience, and have demonstrated dedication to safety to carry out NRC's commitment to protect people and the environment," said NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins. "They are our eyes and ears on site, monitoring daily operations."

Most recently, Mr. Cataldo was the NRC's senior resident inspector at the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant in Shippingport, Pa. Prior to that, he was a resident inspector at the Millstone nuclear power plant in Waterford, Conn. He joined the NRC's Region III office near Chicago in 1996 as an operator licensing examiner.

Prior to joining the agency, Mr. Cataldo was a test reactor operator at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. He also has experience in the manufacturing industry, in which he performed, among other things, quality assurance inspections between 1989 and 1993. Mr. Cataldo also served as a machinist's mate aboard a U.S. Navy nuclear attack submarine. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Lowell with a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering.

Mr. Hott's previous assignment was as a project engineer in the NRC Region I Division of Reactor Projects. He joined the agency in 2003. He has worked as a reactor inspector in the Division of Reactor Safety and as a nuclear materials inspector in the Division of Nuclear Materials and Safety.

Before coming to the NRC, Mr. Hott spent 9 years in the United States Navy nuclear program. He holds a double-major bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering and engineering physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They are assigned to each facility, conducting inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.

The Indian Point 3 resident inspectors can be reached at 914/739-8565.

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