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NRC NAMES NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR PLANT



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Heather Jones as the new resident inspector at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vt. She joins NRC Acting Senior Resident Inspector Dave Spindler at the plant, which is operated by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.

Jones joined the agency's Region I office in 2005 after earning a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a graduate of the NRC's Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program, a two-year training program that provides specialized training in nuclear safety and a broad perspective of NRC regulatory activities. Jones also completed a rigorous NRC inspector qualification program. Most recently, she was assigned as a reactor inspector in the Region I Division of Reactor Safety, performing engineering inspections.

"Heather Jones has the training and commitment to safety that will help the NRC carry out its mission of protecting people and the environment, and ensure the safe operation of Vermont Yankee," said NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins.

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. Resident Inspectors can be assigned to any one site for up to seven years.

The Vermont Yankee resident inspectors can be reached at 802/257-4319.

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