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NRC NAMES NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE POWER PLANT



The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Abin Fairbanks as the new resident inspector at the Arkansas Nuclear One nuclear power plant, located near Russelville, Ark.

“Abin Fairbanks’ background and experience will assist the NRC in carrying out its mission of protecting people and the environment and ensuring the safe operation of nuclear power plants,” said NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins.

Fairbanks joined the NRC’s Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, in 2006. He graduated from the agency’s Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program and has been working as a reactor inspector. Fairbanks has also performed inspections at San Onofre, Palo Verde and Grand Gulf nuclear power plants on an as-needed basis. He holds a bachelor’s degree in nuclear engineering from the University of New Mexico.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two resident inspectors. Fairbanks joins senior resident inspector Fred Sanchez and resident inspector William Schaup. They serve as the agency’s eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections and monitoring significant work projects.

The Arkansas Nuclear One resident inspectors can be reached at (479) 968-3290.

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