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NEW NRC SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR ASSIGNED TO PEACH BOTTOM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Fred Bower has been assigned as the new Nuclear Regulatory Commission Senior Inspector at the Peach Bottom nuclear power plant. He joins NRC Resident Inspector Dan Schroeder at the two-unit site, in Delta, Pa. Bower replaces Craig Smith who has left the agency.

Bower first joined the NRC in 1990 as a reactor engineer in the Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. Most recently, Bower worked as a senior reactor inspector in the Region I Division of Reactor Safety. In addition to his work as a region-based inspector, he has also been assigned as a resident inspector at the Salem nuclear plant in Lower Alloway's Creek, N.J., and at the Calvert Cliffs plant in Lusby, Md.

Prior to joining the NRC, Bower worked as in progressively more responsible positions associated with the repair, modification and overhaul of naval ships and submarines at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va.

Bower is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He also earned a master's in engineering management from Old Dominion University.

"Fred Bower's extensive experience and commitment to safety will help the NRC ensure that Peach Bottom conducts operations with the highest safety standards to protect the public health and safety," 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.

The Peach Bottom resident inspectors can be reached at 717/456-7614.

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