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NRC ASSIGNS NEW RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has assigned Andrew Barrett as resident inspector at the Grand Gulf nuclear plant near Port Gibson, Miss.

"Andrew Barrett's inspection skills, questioning attitude and commitment to safety will help the NRC ensure that Grand Gulf conducts operations with the highest safety standards to protect public health and safety," said NRC Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett.

Barrett joins Tim Hoeg and Geoff Miller, the current resident inspectors at the plant. He will fill a vacancy that will occur when Hoeg transfers to the Saint Lucie nuclear plant in Florida in February, and Miller replaces him as the senior NRC inspector at Grand Gulf.

In August 2003, Barrett joined the NRC at the Region IV office in Arlington, Tx., as a reactor engineer, and was named a project engineer several months later. Prior to joining the NRC, Barrett graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in nuclear engineering in 1997. He then worked as a nuclear engineer at River Bend Station in St. Francisville, La. He subsequently worked for ILD Services, a nuclear contracting company based in Baton Rouge, La., as a field engineer.

Barrett and his wife will reside in Port Gibson, Miss.

Each of the country's commercial nuclear plants has resident inspectors who serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting regular inspections, monitoring significant work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public. The resident inspectors at Grand Gulf can be reached at (601) 437-4620.

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