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GRANT LARKIN NAMED SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR AT WATERFORD 3 NUCLEAR PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Arlington, Texas, have selected Grant Larkin as the new Senior Resident Inspector at the Waterford 3 nuclear plant.

Entergy Nuclear operates the plant near New Orleans, La. The NRC has two inspectors assigned to the plant. He replaces Michael Hay, who has transferred to the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, as a Senior Project Engineer.

"Grant Larkin's experience and commitment to safety will help the NRC ensure that Waterford 3 conducts operations with the highest safety standards to protect the public health and safety," said NRC Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett.

Following U.S. Army service in Germany as a translator/interpreter, Mr. Larkin graduated from the University of Minnesota with bachelor's degrees in political science and geology in 1982. While working for the Department of the Navy, he completed a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1986 and continued his civilian career as a nuclear engineer at naval facilities in California, New York and Washington state.

From 1983 to 2000, Mr. Larkin refueled naval reactor plants and worked with mechanical and fluid system engineering groups engaged in repair work. In February 2000, Mr. Larkin joined the NRC as a reactor engineer in the Division of Reactor Projects at the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. In 2001, he was named Resident Inspector at Waterford 3.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting regular inspections and monitoring significant work projects.

Mr. Larkin, his wife, Jenni, and three children live in Destrehan, Louisiana

The Waterford 3 resident inspectors can be reached at: 985-783-6253.

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