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NRC ASSIGNS NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR TO SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have assigned Jeffrey Cruz as the senior resident inspector at the South Texas Project nuclear power plant, near Bay City, Texas. Cruz joins resident inspector Gilbert Guerra at the site.

Mr. Cruz joined the NRC in 1995 as a Radiation Specialist in the Region IV offices in Arlington, Texas. He was promoted to Senior Health Physicist in 1999, also at Region IV. His responsibilities included coordination of the inspection schedule and disposition of the inspection for approximately 30 nuclear pharmacies. In July 2001, Mr. Cruz was assigned as the Resident Inspector at the Wolf Creek Generating Station in Kansas, where he served until July.

Prior to joining the NRC, Mr. Cruz received a Master's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Missouri in 1994. While completing his graduate degree, he was employed as a Senior Laboratory Technician at the Missouri University Research Reactor. He earned a Bachelor's degree in general studies with emphasis in mathematics in 1991, also from the University of Missouri.

Mr. Cruz and his wife, Holly, have two children - a three-year-old girl, and a seven-month-old boy, and will reside in Lake Jackson, Texas.

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, monitoring significant work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public. The NRC resident inspectors at the South Texas Project site can be reached at (361) 972-8020.

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