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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Dresden Nuclear Power Plant



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Jakob Steffes as the new senior resident inspector at the Dresden nuclear power plant in Morris, Illinois. He joins NRC resident inspector Courtney St. Peters at the facility.

Steffes joined the NRC in 2011 as a reactor engineer in the Region III nuclear safety professional development program. He has served as resident inspector at the Duane Arnold nuclear power plant, and most recently as senior resident inspector at the Perry nuclear power plant.

Prior to joining the agency, he served six years in the U.S. Navy, four of those years on board the USS Greenville as a reactor operator.

“Jakob is exceptionally qualified to lead our resident inspector office at Dresden. Having been a long-time resident inspector at boiling water reactor facilities, he is knowledgeable with all the plant systems at the site, and his leadership will be instrumental for our resident inspector office going into the future,” said NRC Region III Administrator Jack Giessner.

Steffes holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in nuclear engineering and radiological sciences from the University of Michigan.

Each commercial nuclear power plant site in the United States has at least two resident inspectors who monitor day-to-day operations at the plant. They serve as the agency’s eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring significant work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.

The plant, which is operated by the Constellation Energy Company, is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Joliet.