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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Hope Creek Nuclear Plant



Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have selected Patrick Finney as the new senior resident inspector at the Hope Creek Generating Station, in Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey. The plant is operated by PSEG Nuclear.

“Pat has a wealth of experience and is a highly respected inspector,” said NRC Region I Administrator Raymond Lorson. “His technical and leadership skills will ensure the plant continues to meet the NRC’s safety standards.”

Finney joined the NRC’s Region I office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, in June 2004 as a reactor inspector. He has since served as the resident inspector and then senior resident inspector at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Berwick, Pennsylvania; as the senior resident inspector at the Salem nuclear plant adjacent to Hope Creek; and as a senior project engineer in the regional office. Most recently he was chief of the Reactor Assessment Branch in the agency’s Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. Prior to joining the NRC, Finney was both a design and system engineer at the Peach Bottom nuclear plant in Delta, Pennsylvania. He served for seven years in the Navy’s nuclear submarine force and is a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Finney earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Villanova University, a master’s degree in engineering management from Old Dominion University, and a master’s degree in fire protection engineering from the University of Maryland.

Finney joins Resident Inspector Justin Bresson at Hope Creek. 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 inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public. Resident inspectors can be assigned to any one site for up to seven years.