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NRC Names New Senior and Resident Inspectors at Monticello Nuclear Power Plant



The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Chuck Norton as the new senior resident inspector and Tom McGowan as the resident inspector at the Monticello nuclear power plant. The plant is operated by Northern States Power Co.-Minnesota and is located in Monticello, Minn., 38 miles northwest of Minneapolis.

Norton joined the agency in 2007 as a project engineer in Region IV and later was selected to be the resident inspector at the River Bend nuclear power plant in Saint Francisville, La. He then worked as a project manager in the NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and soon after joined the Fukushima Support Team. He was assigned to the Region III office as a senior resident inspector at the Duane Arnold nuclear power plant in Palo, Iowa. Prior to joining the agency, he served six years in the U.S. Navy's nuclear propulsion program. He was also a licensed senior reactor operator for 14 years at the Quad Cities nuclear power plant and has worked as an operations evaluator with the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations.

Norton holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and a master's degree in business administration from Saint Ambrose University.



McGowan joined the agency in 2018 as a reactor engineer in Region III. He also was an acting resident inspector at the Perry nuclear power plant located in Perry, Ohio. Before joining the agency, he served 28 years in the U.S. Navy and retired as a surface warfare officer. He also worked more than 21 years in the nuclear industry at the Braidwood and Dresden nuclear power plants and also with a transmission and distribution company.

McGowan holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

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 and monitoring significant work projects.

The NRC resident inspectors at the Monticello facility can be reached at (630) 829-9989.