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NRC Assigns Two New Resident Inspectors to Salem Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected Justin Hawkins as the new senior resident inspector and Matthew Hardgrove as resident inspector at the Salem nuclear plant in Hancocks Bridge, N.J. The two units are operated by PSEG Nuclear.



Hawkins was the senior resident inspector at the adjacent Hope Creek nuclear plant prior to accepting the position at Salem. He joined the agency in 2007 as a reactor engineer in Region I. He also has worked as a resident inspector at the Limerick plant in Pennsylvania. Hawkins joined the NRC after serving in the United States Navy aboard fast-attack submarines for six years. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a master's in nuclear engineering business management at Old Dominion University.



Hardgrove joined the agency at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md., in 2012, and is a graduate of the NRC's Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program. Most recently, Hardgrove was a project engineer based in Region I. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in nuclear engineering from Penn State University.

Each operating U.S. commercial nuclear power plant site 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. Inspectors can serve for up to seven years at any one site.