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NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector for Mixed Oxide Facility

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in Atlanta have selected Chad Huffman as the Senior Resident Inspector for the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility under construction at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C.



Chad Huffman is a native of Kings Mountain, N.C., and began his NRC career in 2005 as a reactor risk engineer in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Research at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md. In 2011, Huffman joined the NRC's Resident Inspector development program in the Region II office in Atlanta.

During his time in Region II, Huffman participated in construction inspections at Watts Bar Unit 2 in Tennessee as well as at Vogtle Units 3 and 4 near Waynesboro, Ga. Since 2012, he has served as a construction Resident Inspector at Vogtle Units 3 and 4.

Prior to joining the NRC, Huffman worked as an engineer at a nuclear utility and also held various positions in residential and commercial construction.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.

"Chad Huffman has the experience and commitment to help ensure that construction is completed according to NRC regulations and in a way that protects people and the environment," said NRC Region II Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction Fred Brown.

The MOX facility, which will be owned by the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, is part of an effort to make surplus weapons-grade plutonium into more proliferation-resistant forms. Converting the plutonium into MOX fuel will enable it to be used in commercial reactors to generate electricity.