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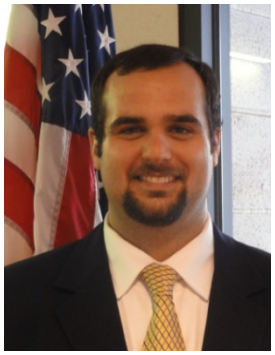
NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Byron Nuclear Station

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Jason Draper as the new resident inspector at the Byron Nuclear Power Plant in Byron, Ill., approximately 17 miles southwest of Rockford. The nuclear power facility is operated by Exelon Generation Co.



Draper joined the NRC in 2007 as a reactor engineer in Region III. Originally from Walnut, Ill., Draper holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering with a minor in mathematics from the University of Illinois.

"Jason Draper is an excellent inspector with a firm commitment to safety. He will help the NRC fulfill its mission of protecting people and the environment by helping ensure the Byron plant follows the high safety standards set by the NRC," said Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson.

Each commercial nuclear power plant site in the United States 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. Draper joins Senior Resident Inspector Jim McGhee at the facility. Both inspectors can be reached at (815) 234-5451.