



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**RHODE ISLAND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION**

Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center  
16 Reactor Road  
Narragansett, RI 02882-1165

Mr. William B. Kennedy, Project Manager  
Research and Test Reactors Branch A  
Division of Policy and Rulemaking  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

December 15, 2009

Re: Letter dated November 24, 2009  
Docket No. 50-193

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

As Chairman of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission (RIAEC), a Rhode Island State government organization, I exercise express authority and responsibility to request as necessary from the Rhode Island Legislature through the Governor's budget process, external and direct cost funds for decommissioning activities associated with operations authorized by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory License No. R-95. This authority is established by Title 42, Chapter 27 of the laws of Rhode Island and delegated to me by the Governor in my appointment letter. Within this authority, I intend to request that funds be made available when necessary to decommission the research reactor at the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center located at 16 Reactor Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island. I would request and seek to obtain these funds as sufficiently in advance of decommissioning as possible to prevent delay of required activities. Copies of my appointment letter and Title 42, Chapter 27 are enclosed as evidence that I am authorized to represent the State of Rhode Island in this transaction.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Mecca, Ph.D., Chairman  
Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

I certify under penalty of perjury that the representations made above are true and correct.

Executed on: 12/15/2009

By: Stephen J. Mecca

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Attachments:

Title 42, Chapter 27

Letter dated March 27, 2009 reappointing Dr. Stephen J. Mecca to the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

## **RI General Laws: Title 42 Chapter 27**

### **§ 42-27-2 — Powers and duties of commission.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the Rhode Island atomic energy commission:

(1) To make studies as to need, if any, for changes in laws and regulations administered by any agency of the state that would arise from the presence within the state of special nuclear materials and by-product materials and from the operation herein of production or utilization facilities, and, on the basis of those studies, to make such recommendations to the governor and the general assembly for the enactment of laws or amendments to laws or the promulgation of regulations as may appear necessary and appropriate;

(2) To advise the governor and the general assembly with respect to atomic industrial development within the state;

(3) To coordinate the development and regulatory activities of the state relating to the industrial and commercial uses of atomic energy;

(4) To cooperate with the federal atomic energy commission and with like commissions or agencies of the other states in all matters relating to the purposes herein set forth;

(5) To contract for, construct, and operate a nuclear reactor within the state for the purpose of research, experimentation, training personnel, testing of materials and techniques, and for such other purposes related thereto which the commission shall deem necessary for the health, welfare, and economy of the people of this state; and in this respect to cooperate with and make available, under proper safeguards, the use of the reactor by the colleges, universities, and industries of this state and to contract for and engage engineers, technicians, and other assistance.

(b) The commission may select a director of the commission and may charge fees for the use of reactor facilities.

### **42-27-4 — Appropriations and disbursements.**

The general assembly shall annually appropriate, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his or her orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of that sum, or so much thereof as may be required from time to time, upon the receipt by him or her of properly authenticated vouchers.

### **§ 42-27-5 — The governor authorized to enter into an agreement with federal authorities.**

The governor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the proper authorities of the federal government for the transfer of regulatory responsibilities from the United States atomic energy commission to the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations when such an agreement is recommended by the Rhode Island atomic energy commission under the powers and duties of the commission as set forth in this chapter.

#### **§ 42-27-6 — Reactor usage charges.**

All fees collected by the atomic energy commission for use of the reactor facilities shall be deposited as general revenues.



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1196  
401-222-2080

Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor

March 27, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-27-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission:

**Stephen J. Mecca of Jamestown**

for a term expiring April 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Carcieri".

Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor

cc: Honorable Elizabeth Roberts, Lieutenant Governor  
Honorable M. Teresa Paiva-Weed, Senate President  
Honorable Dennis Algiere, Senate Minority Leader  
Honorable William Murphy, Speaker of the House  
Honorable Robert Watson, House Minority Leader  
Legislative Press Bureau  
Law Revision Office  
Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
Terry Tehan, Director, Nuclear Science Center  
Appointed member



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Stephen J. Mecca  
Five Aquidneck Court  
Jamestown, RI 02857

Dear Mr. Mecca:

It gives me great pleasure to reappoint you to the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission, pursuant to Section 42-27-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for a term expiring April 1, 2014.

I have enclosed a certificate of engagement that I ask you to complete, have notarized, and return to Deborah Smith, Director of Appointments, Room 112, The State House, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

Again, congratulations on your reappointment. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor

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Enclosure