§ 21-0115. Additional powers.

1. The state reaffirms its support of the cooperative approach to the abatement and control of water pollution as embodied in the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Compact. In view of the increases in population concentrations, the growing need of industry and agriculture for water of reasonable quality and the quality reqirements of water based recreation and other uses, the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission shall develop and maintain its programs, including research on water quality problems at such levels as may be appropriate including, to the extent necessary, levels above those originally provided when the state first enacted the compact.

2. In addition to the minimal personnel authorizations contained in article IV of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Compact, the commission may employ such engineering, technical and other professional, secretarial and clerical personnel as the proper administration and functioning of the commission may require.

3. a. This state hereby concurs in the conferring of any powers or duties on the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission by other states in addition to those conferred by provision of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Compact. This concurrence is pursuant to article II of said compact.

b. The concurrence is subject to the following limitations:

(1) Unless this state specifically confers a power or duty on the commission, other than one conferred by the compact itself, no financial or other burden or duties shall be placed upon this state, or any agency, officer or subdivision thereof, by reason of the conferring or exercise of the power or duty. At any time, the Governor, Attorney General, or the State Comptroller shall have the power to make inquiry of the commission and to examine its books and records in order to ascertain the state of compliance with this act.

(2) The rights, privileges and responsibilities of the state with respect to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Compact and the commission established thereby shall not be limited or impaired.

(3) The commission shall include in its reports to the Governor a full account of any additional powers or duties exercised or performed by it.