

**NORTH ATLANTIC COAST
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT**

**AMENDMENT THREE TO
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

between

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. Geological Survey--Biological Resources Division
National Park Service**

and

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (HOST)
Rutgers University
University of Maryland--Eastern Shore
University of Massachusetts - Amherst**

adding the
**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Office of Research and Development**

With the exception of the changes below, all terms and conditions of the North Atlantic Coast CESU Cooperative Agreement apply to this Amendment, and this Amendment is hereby made part of the agreement.

ARTICLE I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

A.1. The Environmental Protection Agency is included in the North Atlantic Coast CESU as a Federal Agency partner on the date of the last signature on this amendment.

B.1. The Environmental Protection Agency fully supports the objectives of the North Atlantic Coast CESU. Any funds EPA commits to this effort in the form of financial assistance will support and stimulate non-Federal research, including training in research techniques, and development activities relating to environmental sciences.

G. The Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter called EPA) mission is to protect public health and to safeguard and improve the natural environment - air, water, and land upon which life depends. EPA's purpose is to ensure that: Federal environmental laws are implemented and enforced fairly and effectively; environmental protection is an integral consideration in U.S. policies concerning economic growth, energy, transportation, agriculture, industry, international trade, and natural resources; and that national efforts to reduce environmental risk are based on the best available scientific information. In accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1977

(commonly known as the Clean Water Act), Section 104(b)(3) (33 U.S.C. 1254), the EPA is authorized to enter into the cooperative agreement establishing the North Atlantic Coast CESU to assist in providing research, technical assistance, and education.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF WORK

A. The EPA agrees to:

A.4.a. Using appropriate funding vehicles, EPA will provide funds for basic support and salary for release time of Host University and Partner Institution faculty, as appropriate.

B. The Host University agrees to:

B.6.a. When included in the terms and conditions of appropriate EPA funding vehicles, provide suitable office space, furniture and laboratory space, utilities, computer network access and basic telephone service for EPA personnel to be located at the Host University, as appropriate;

B.7.a. When included in the terms and conditions of appropriate EPA funding vehicles, and where the primary benefit will clearly accrue to the Host University, provide access to educational and training activities for the EPA, as appropriate;

C. Each Partner Institution Agrees to:

C.2.a. When included in the terms and conditions of appropriate EPA funding vehicles, and where the primary benefit will clearly accrue to the Partner Institution, provide access to educational and training activities for the EPA, as appropriate;

D. All Federal Agencies, the Host University and Partner Institutions agree to:

D.6.a. Also, follow 40 CFR Parts 30 – 34 (Environmental Protection Agency).

ARTICLE III. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

A.1. The effective date of the North Atlantic Coast CESU Cooperative agreement is 18 June 1999.

A.4. The effective date of this amendment to the North Atlantic Coast CESU Cooperative agreement shall be determined from the date of the last signature.

D.1. For amendments whose sole purpose is to add one or more Partner Institutions and/or Federal Agencies to the North Atlantic Coast CESU agreement, each Partner Institution and Federal Agency currently participating in this agreement will have forty-five (45) days from receipt of the amendment to either sign the amendment or object in writing to the Host University. If a Partner Institution or Federal Agency has not responded after forty-five (45) days from the receipt of the amendment, its signature will not be required to make the amendment effective. Each Partner Institution and/or

Federal Agency being added to the agreement and the Host University shall sign the amendment.

D.2. For the purposes of EPA's participation in this agreement, modifications result from specific two-party agreements between the EPA and the Host University or a Partner Institution in support of the goals of this broad agreement. These specific two-party agreements will conform to EPA procedures, will transfer funds to support proposed projects, will incorporate the terms and conditions of this agreement and will have the effect of modifying this basic agreement.

ARTICLE IV. KEY OFFICIALS

A.3. The technical representative for the Environmental Protection Agency is as follows:

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ARTICLE V. AWARD

B.1. Through a separate funded assistance agreement, the Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$10,000 in funds to the Host University in furtherance of the agreement.

C.1. Also, in accordance with 40 CFR 30 – 34 (Environmental Protection Agency).

ARTICLE VI. PRIOR APPROVAL

A. Also, in accordance with 40 CFR 30 – 34 (Environmental Protection Agency).

ARTICLE VII. REPORTS AND/OR DELIVERABLES

A.1. Also, in accordance with 40 CFR 30 – 34 (Environmental Protection Agency).

ARTICLE VIII. PROPERTY UTILIZATION AND DISPOSITION

A. Also, in accordance with 40 CFR 30 – 34 (Environmental Protection Agency).

ARTICLE IX. TERMINATION

A. Also, in accordance with 40 CFR 30 – 34 (Environmental Protection Agency).

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

The following authorizing signatures are attached to this amendment:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- A. U.S. Geological Survey - Biological Resources Division
- B. National Park Service

**C. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Office of Research and Development**

- D. UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
- E. Rutgers University
- F. University of Maryland - Eastern Shore
- G. University of Massachusetts - Amherst

**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES
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A. U.S. Geological Survey - Biological Resources Division

Date

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

B. National Park Service

Date

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

- C. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Research and Development

Date

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES (cont.)

D. University of Rhode Island

Date

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E. Rutgers University

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G. University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Date