



# Rensselaer

May 14, 2020

Ms. Denise Williams, Room 2-B450  
Audio Division, Media Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Williams,

I am the staff advisor to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute student radio station WRPI 91.5, and on behalf of the student Executive Committee, write to you to seek Special Temporary Authority to place the station on "Silent Radio FM Station Status" from May 24, 2020 until September 1, 2020. WRPI 91.5 is licensed under [FRN-0010380509](#).

As described on <https://www.fcc.gov/media/radio/silent-radio-lists> :

"When a broadcast station cannot operate in accordance with its license due to equipment failure, damage to licensed transmission systems, or other causes, the station may request an STA."

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute closed due to the COVID 19 outbreak on March 18<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the students of the school radio station began to control broadcast via remote

automation. The station up until then was completely hands-on and the students worked hard at getting a remote system activated while working from their homes.

At the end of April, the station had elections for a new board of Executive Committee leaders. While these students are knowledgeable on the system at the station, they are finding it difficult to maintain the minimum standards. Therefore, we are asking for approval as a silent radio during the summer months so that they may train, improve their ability to conduct remote programming while they build a storage files of content for remote broadcast.

I can be contacted at [mcleac2@rpi.edu](mailto:mcleac2@rpi.edu) or at 518-378-1652 for additional information. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cameron R. McLean  
Director of Student Activities  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.