



City of New Bedford

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Chief



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Secretary Ian Bowles
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Bowles:

I am writing in support of Ze-gen and to commend the company's commitment to the safety of its operations and to the safety of its employees. As Fire Chief of the New Bedford Fire Department, I have known Ze-gen and its management for almost four years and am familiar with their advanced gasification facility.

Since Ze-gen first built its Demonstration Facility in 2007, the company has always been proactive and forthcoming with me and the Department to make sure that I and my staff were included as needed in planning facility development and operation. In fact, Ze-gen arranged and underwrote specific training for each member of the Department on the fire control requirements associated with a liquid metal foundry operation to ensure that my team was fully prepared to respond in the event of a fire. I certainly appreciate the company's willingness to work with the Department on any issue that needs to be addressed.

In short, Ze-gen is a strong company committed to safety and supportive of the city departments charged with protecting the lives of city residents. I hope that the Commonwealth will support Ze-gen in its efforts to expand its operations.

Sincerely,

Brian Faria
Fire Chief
New Bedford Fire Department