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## **New Commissioner Added to SC Housing Board of Commissioners**

[Columbia, SC]—Acting Chairman Robert D. Mickle, Jr. has announced that Director Richard Toomey of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has designated Myra C. Reece to serve as the as the State Commission of Health and Environmental Control's designee of the nine-member Board of Commissioners of the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority (SC Housing).

Reece serves as the director of Environmental Affairs, overseeing DHEC's environmental programs including the Bureaus of Air Quality, Water, Land and Waste Management, and Environmental Health Services, and the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. A member of the DHEC team for more than 30 years, Reece previously served as chief of the agency's Bureau of Air Quality. Before serving as the Air Quality bureau chief, Reece served as director of DHEC's Environmental Quality Control District in Aiken.

Reece received a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Clemson University and a master's degree in public health with an emphasis on hazardous materials management from the University of South Carolina. She is also a graduate of the Management Academy for Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a graduate of the Southern Center of Excellence in Environmental Health at Emory University and has obtained professional certification as a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager. Reece is also serving on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, making her the sole state representative from the southeastern states.

SC Housing's Board of Commissioners, comprised of individuals with diverse experience in housing, finance, business and community service, establishes policy for the agency and oversees its operation. Both DHEC and the Governor's Office have statutory seats on the Board. Other members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for four year terms.

## **About SC Housing**

For forty-nine years, SC Housing has created quality affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of South Carolina. The agency's vision is that all residents have the opportunity to live in safe, decent and affordable housing.