MEMORANDUM

TO: John Paul Jones
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FROM: Thomas W. Peterson
Dean

SUBJECT: Graduate Certificate in Water Policy

DATE: September 10, 2006

I have reviewed, and asked faculty members in Hydrology and Water Resources to review, the proposed graduate certificate in water policy. The College of Engineering supports this certificate, although there are some concerns regarding the realistic potential for students to take some of the courses listed within the thematic course areas, without proper background.

Some of the faculty members listed as participants in the program were surprised to be listed, and have minimal or no course offerings within the program. For example, Baker, Maddock, and Shuttleworth have no course offerings, and Lancey's course requires a mathematical background unlikely to be found in students coming from the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Nonetheless, this certificate program may find application within a small group, and we would support its offering.