To Whom It Concerns:

This is a proposed curriculum addition within the Department of Chemistry. The proposal adds a new option to the chemistry major in environmental chemistry. As with our current forensic and medicinal chemistry programs, the proposed major is has an interdisciplinary flavor. The major requires the completion of a biology sequence, physics sequence, and a series of mathematics courses in addition to the chemistry core. The major has a coupled and required minor which contains a significant earth science component including at least one course in Geographic Information Systems. This program was developed to provide an alternative for science students to a traditional chemistry curriculum combined with the Environmental Studies minor since such a combination does not provide our students with an adequate exposure to either biology or earth science both of which are important in understanding environmental issues. We welcome input from our campus colleagues.

Respectfully submitted,

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