

## Missouri University of Science and Technology

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To Whom It May Concern:

Missouri S&T is pleased to participate in the AASHE Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS).

As a nationally-recognized technological research university, we continuously strive to lead the way in sustainable practices. Our campus has made a firm commitment to minimize our environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions while developing educated graduates who are aware of the importance of good environmental stewardship.

One highlight of our many campus sustainability initiatives is the geothermal energy project that is currently underway. This campus-wide effort is considered one of the most comprehensive energy efficiency projects in higher education. When the project is completed in 2014, we will reduce our annual energy use by 50%, our water consumption by 8 million gallons and our carbon dioxide emissions by 25,000 tons per year.

I am pleased to endorse the attached sustainability self-assessment by Missouri S&T and to report our achievement of a Silver rating. We look forward to continuing to advance sustainability initiatives on our campus. Thank you for providing the framework for evaluating our progress and identifying opportunities for continual improvement.

Best regards,

Cheryl B. Schrader, Ph.D.

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