



Office of the Chancellor

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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

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, which was completed in 2014. This campus-wide effort is considered one of the most comprehensive energy efficiency projects in higher education. Since its completion, we have reduced our annual energy use by 57%, our water consumption by 18.7 million gallons and our carbon dioxide emissions by 25,000 tons per year. Another accomplishment for S&T has been our green purchase agreement for clean energy with our local utility company, Rolla Municipal Utilities. This agreement has allowed us to reach our "gas house reduction" goal for 2040 this year.

I am pleased to endorse the attached sustainability self-assessment by Missouri S&T and to report our achievement of a Gold 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Maples", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Christopher G. Maples, PhD
Interim Chancellor

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