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Seth Vidaña
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Dear Mr Vidaña:

The Department of Engineering Technology confirms that the Vehicle Research Institute has a commitment to sustainability.

The VRI is the research, or project, arm of the Industrial Technology – Vehicle Design (IT-VD) program. Both the IT-VD, through its course content and the VRI, through its projects address issues of sustainability in the design and operation of vehicles.

The courses in the IT-VD program that address these issues include:

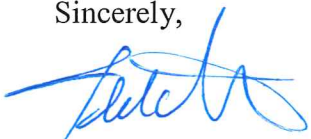
- ETEC480 – Advanced Emission Control. Addresses the reduction of harmful emissions.
- ETEC481 – Gaseous Fuels. Alternative fuels including CNG and Biomethane.
- ETEC484 – Vehicle Design. Hybrid and alternative fuel vehicle design.
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The VRI started in 1972 and has developed more than 45 vehicles. Many have used technologies that address sustainability - such as hybrid drive trains, alternative fuels, solar and thermovoltaic cells.

Currently the VRI is working on a project through the Department of Energy's Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition to build a Biomethane for Transportation facility. This facility takes biomethane generated at a dairy farm, upgrades it, and facilitates its use in vehicles.

I believe these projects coupled with the long history of the VRI, shows that it has a commitment to innovative projects that address sustainability in vehicle design.

Sincerely,



Todd Morton
Chair, Engineering Technology