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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
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**Subject: Polytechnique Montréal's STARS Submission**

Dear Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to announce that Polytechnique Montreal is submitting its first STARS report.

This submission was prepared through the collaborative work of the entire Polytechnique Montreal community. A lot of energy has been invested in the last 18 months to prepare this report, which we consider to be a logical step forward in the long-lasting efforts of Polytechnique Montreal to become a more sustainable institution and to improve the transparency of its reporting practices.

At Polytechnique Montreal, we strongly believe that sustainable development should be part of everyday life and that it must be a fundamental component of the education of future generations of engineers. Polytechnique Montreal issued its first comprehensive environmental report in 2004-2005 and has produced an annual environmental or sustainable development report ever since. In 2011, Polytechnique Montreal was designated as a "Sustainable Campus" by the Canadian Sierra Youth Coalition.

Seeking a STARS rating thus appeared to Polytechnique Montreal's management team as the logical next step in our journey towards sustainability. Preparing our STARS submission has helped us refine the measurement of our sustainable performance and identify areas of potential improvement for the coming years. We are proud to take part in this international movement of Universities that want to act for a more sustainable world.

Yours sincerely,

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