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To whom it may concern

Virginia Tech has created a new Bachelor of Science degree program titled: Water, Resources, Policy, and Management. The degree program is housed in our college in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation. Five colleges collaborated to create this new degree: Architecture and Urban Studies, Agriculture and Life Science, Engineering, Science, and Natural Resources and Environment. Ten academic departments provided faculty expertise to serve on the working committee to create the degree program and to provide continual oversight of the degree, and to advise students.

This new degree at Virginia Tech is a ground-breaking effort focused on water. We believe there is no similar effort at any U.S. institution at this time.

Provision of water is our greatest sustainability challenge. This degree program breaks down disciplinary boundaries to afford students the opportunity to be exposed the big picture of water challenges and opportunities. This could well be the most innovation educational offering ever developed at Virginia Tech.

With the new degree came the hiring of seven new faculty in a cluster of water faculty. You can read about the degree program at www.waterdegree.frec.vt.edu.

Sincerely,

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