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August 18, 2000

Jacqueline Shadko
Vice President, Academic Affairs
Southwestern College
900 Otay Lakes Rd.
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Dr. Shadko:

The Chancellor's Office hereby approves your college's program in Environmental Technology, with two certificates and degree emphases. It has been entered on the Inventory of Approved and Projected Programs as follows:

Program	Units	T.O.P.	Unique I.D.
Environmental Management Emphasis	A.S.-40 cert-21	2135.00	05427
Occupational Safety & Health Emphasis	A.S.-40 cert-21	0958.30	12064

Because this is a revision of an existing program, and the addition of a new option within an existing approved program, rather than a wholly new program, we have determined that it does not need to go to the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) for separate review. Therefore, our approval is effective with this letter.

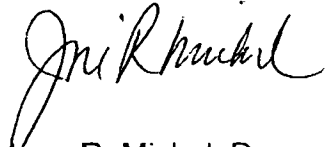
One caution we would express for this program is that the language of the program goals as written seems to imply that the training provided, in itself, is enough to prepare students for the occupations listed, such as "environmental lawyer" or "pollution control specialist." In fact, this program only prepares technicians, and the other occupations mentioned require advanced degrees. The language used under the "Career Options" heading in the catalog description is much more realistic, and we recommend that the "Program Goals" language be adjusted similarly.

We have approved this program for the purpose of employment preparation. Transfer preparation is also listed as one of the program goals, and there is mention of an articulation agreement, but no documentation of articulation is included. We have not considered it necessary to delay approval until this documentation is supplied, because the program is justifiable on occupational grounds. However, no claims of transferability should be made in the catalog or other public materials until evidence has been supplied that the

required coursework substantially satisfies the lower-division requirements for a specific environmental major at one or more universities to which your students are likely to transfer.

If there are any questions about our action, please contact Charlie Klein, Specialist in Academic Planning, at (916) 322-6888, fax (916) 324-4682, or e-mail to cklein@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose R. Michel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jose R. Michel, Dean
Curriculum Standards & Instructional Services

cc: Robert Evangelista