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Dear Dr. Phillips:

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I am writing in response to your February 26 letter proposing the deactivation effective January 2008 of the following programs:

Geology	M.S.	#03032
Geology	B.S./M.S.	#82099
Geological Sciences	Ph.D.	#03030

The temporary suspension of admissions, or deactivation, of the above-listed programs, effective January 2008, is approved. Their status will be noted accordingly on official University records here. The programs will remain *registered* by the State Education Department and will therefore continue to be listed on SED's *Inventory of Registered Programs*. The period of deactivation is limited to three years. If, after this period, the programs have not yet been reinstated or discontinued, the campus must seek either program reinstatement (with revisions, as necessary) or formal discontinuance. A program cannot be deactivated indefinitely.

The proposal mentions the possibility of developing a concentration in geological sciences within the Atmospheric Science M.S. (#03029) or Ph.D. (#03028) program. This could be accomplished by a program revision. Please consult our office if we can be of assistance. Mention is also made of the possible development of a doctoral program in environmental science. Because of the potential impact on the University System, such a program would be considered a new curriculum, requiring a letter of intent and a formal program proposal.

As you know, the elimination of an academic program requires further review by the University. Should you decide to discontinue these programs, please follow the procedure outlined in Memorandum to Presidents, Vol. 83 No. 11 at <http://www.suny.edu/provost/MTP/MemorandatoPresidents.htm>

Sincerely,

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