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*Gerald W. Bowes*

**FROM:** Gerald W. Bowes, Ph.D.  
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**DATE:** April 14, 2009

**SUBJECT: PEER REVIEW OF PROPOSED LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD**

This letter responds to your October 21, 2008 request letter to me (attached) to initiate the process to identify external peer reviewers for the subject noted above, and later to manage the review. Subsequently, I contacted the University of California, through an Interagency Agreement with Cal/EPA, to recommend candidates it considered qualified to perform this assignment. Each recommended candidate was required to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form.

After my review of the disclosure forms, I contacted the candidates by e-mail to provide clarification where necessary and to confirm they could perform an objective and independent review free of conflict of interest and bias. No reviewer was aware of the identity of the others.

In a subsequent transmittal approving each as reviewer, I provided my January 7, 2009 supplement to the Cal/EPA peer review guidelines (attached). This relates in part to ensuring confidentiality through the external review process.

The approved reviewers are identified below:

1. Linsey C. Marr, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Civil and Environmental Engineering  
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2. Denise L. Mauzerall, Ph.D.  
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Science, Technology and Environmental Policy Program  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30332

Biographical information for each is attached.

On March 5, 2009 each reviewer was sent by overnight delivery the material to be reviewed; and by e-mail, background information and focus for the assignment. The background consisted of your October 21, 2008 letter of request to me and its three attachments. The focus: ***"In particular, I also ask that you address all topics in Attachment 2 during your review, in the order listed."***

Thirty days were provided for the review. The four reviews are attached.

If you have questions, or require clarification from the reviewers please contact me directly.

Attachments

cc: Sheila Vassey, Office of Chief Counsel  
Floyd Vergara, Air Resources Board