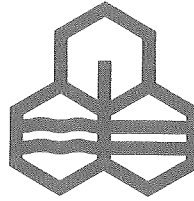


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Dear Colleague:

During the past few years, the Department of Civil Engineering and the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Toronto have been interested in developing a multidisciplinary research program in solid (including hazardous) waste management. This effort is at a stage where we would like to bring together researchers who are interested in problems related to the management of solid wastes in order to pursue work in this area.

I have been asked to form an active Solid Waste Study Group for the Institute. Membership in the group is open to people both within and outside the University. People are welcome from the many fields, such as engineering, economics, management, planning, law, biology and chemistry, which are needed in a multidisciplinary, solid waste research program. Two possible activities of the study group are the development of research proposals and arranging a workshop, seminar or think tank on solid wastes. The specific activities of the group will be determined by its members.

It is hoped that the study group will secure funding quickly and become a "working" group to conduct research with the possibility of providing release time or research stipends to some group members. In this regard, the Department of Civil Engineering hopes to obtain a Connaught Research Development Grant. I am confident that with the commitment of people interested in this field and some work on their part, the group will be successful in obtaining research grants. As the initial co-ordinator for the group, however, I will try to lessen the work of its members.

An initial meeting of the study group will be 12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m., Monday, February 11, 1980 in Room 211, Haultain Building at the University. A sandwich lunch and coffee will be provided. If you are interested in research on solid wastes, I hope that you will take this opportunity to come together with others to form a group to develop and carry out some needed and interesting research or other activities in this field. Please call me (978-5202) if you plan to attend the meeting. If you would like to participate but cannot attend this meeting, I would also appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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