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Ellen Iverson
Evaluation Director
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Dear Ellen:

I am pleased to inform you of the official approval of your IRB application in connection with your project, "InTeGrate: Interdisciplinary Teaching of Geoscience for a Sustainable Future." Your research falls within the federal **exemption** for research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as . . . research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods" [45 CFR 46.101(b)(1)]. Consequently, the IRB is not required by federal law to provide ongoing oversight of your project. You are not required to maintain a formal, signed consent form for each subject. Nonetheless, in accordance with federal guidelines and Carleton IRB policies, we expect that you will inform your research subjects of the purpose and scope of your research, as well as of their right not to participate, to withdraw at any time as they see fit, and to contact you if they should have any questions.

Because this research is exempt, you are not required to reapply to the IRB if this project continues beyond the usual one-year limit for IRB approvals. If, however, the scope of your research changes in such a way that it no longer clearly falls within the exemption outlined above, you would be required to inform the IRB and/or submit a new application.

I suggest that you retain a copy of this letter for your files. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about IRB policies or procedures. I can be reached at 507-646-4123, or by e-mail at ksmith@carleton.edu. We wish you much success with this research project.

Sincerely,



Kim Smith
Chair, Carleton IRB