



**PRESIDENT'S POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 264 (Revision to PPM 193)**

**TO: All Virginia Tech Employees and Students**  
**FROM: Charles W. Steger** *WCS*  
**DATE: June 15, 2010**  
**SUBJECT: Name Change of the College of Natural Resources to the College of Natural Resources and Environment**

**Approved by CUSP: February 22, 2010**  
**Approved by CGSP: March 3, 2010**  
**Approved by University Council: April 19, 2010**  
**Approved by the President: April 19, 2010**  
**Approved by the Board of Visitors: June 7, 2010**  
**Effective Date: First Summer Session, 2010**

The Board of Visitors approved a resolution regarding the name change of the College of Natural Resources to the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

Following is the text of the resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the College of Natural Resources at Virginia Tech is held in the highest esteem by national and international peers for its learning, discovery, and engagement programming, the college has a 17-year history as an independent unit at Virginia Tech, and the college last changed its name in 1999 to better reflect the evolution of the college over time; and

**WHEREAS**, the college faculty, administration, and constituency groups wish to support the future evolution and growth of the College of Natural Resources, leveraging the college to the greater good of the Virginia Tech campus, faculty, and students; and

**WHEREAS**, the College of Natural Resources represents varied disciplines, degrees, and research endeavors that encompass globally the depth and breadth of the study of natural resources and the environment, including geographical information systems, geospatial and pursuit of environmental analysis, ecosystems, and environmental resource management; and

**WHEREAS**, the College of Natural Resources is home to the Virginia Water Resources Research Center, recognizing water to be a natural resource of

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critical importance to the environment and global environmental sustainability;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has recently changed the name of programs within the USDA to Natural Resources and Environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly organized and named National Institute of Food and Agriculture within the USDA has identified strategic programming under the name Environment and Natural Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, other leading colleges of natural resources have recently been renamed to be inclusive of the term environment; and

**WHEREAS**, referring to the environment in the college name will bring broader recognition of its contributions and aspirations among prospective students, research sponsors, and the general public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the College of Natural Resources be authorized to change the college name to the College of Natural Resources and Environment, effective first summer session 2010.

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