

To: Faculty Executive Committee
From: David I. Kertzer
Date: August 31, 2006
Re: Proposal to establish a Center for Environmental Health and Technology

I am writing on behalf of the Academic Priorities Committee to convey the committee's formal endorsement of the proposal to establish a Center for Environmental Health and Technology (CEHT). The proposed CEHT is the product of an interdisciplinary effort at Brown that brings together faculty in the Division of Biology and Medicine, the Division of Engineering, the Department of Geology and the Department of Sociology. The CEHT is intended to be a research oriented center investigating the complex health-related, scientific, engineering, and societal issues related to the remediation and reuse of contaminated lands and hazardous waste sites. This proposal to establish the CEHT builds on an award of 11.5 million dollars from the Superfund Basic Research Program. The Academic Priorities Committee views the establishment of a formal University center as a crucial next step in recognizing, supporting and sustaining these activities, and in positioning Brown for continued external support from the SBRP and other sources.

We are pleased to support this proposal and encourage its consideration by the Faculty.