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Subject: Proposal to deactivate the Environment and Natural Resources major leading to the Associate of Science
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Carri and Jeanne,

The proposal from Ohio State ATI to deactivate the Environment and Natural Resources major leading to the Associate of Science was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on April 22, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

The proposal will now be sent to the Board of Trustees for action at a committee meeting on **May 21, 2026**. If then approved by the full Board on June 4, 2026, my office will work with you on the approval process with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Once fully approved, the Office of the University Registrar will work you with any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

Randy



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Dear Dr. Smith,

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) acknowledges the following Program Deactivations that resulted from denial of the waiver requests by the Ohio Department of Higher Education as a result of SB1:

- Agricultural Systems Management Associate of Science
- Community Leadership Associate of Science
- Environment and Natural Resources Associate of Science

The CFAES Committee on Academic Affairs was informed of this action at its meeting on March 30, 2026. Per the requirements stated in Letter received from the ODHE to (then) President Carter dated March 4, 2026, no new students will be enrolled in these programs after July 31, 2026.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Thank you,

Jeanne



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March 13, 2026

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Dear Ms. Osborne,

This letter is an acknowledgement of the deactivation of the Environment and Natural Resources Associate of Science program at Ohio State ATI, effective August 1, 2026.

Rationale

In accordance with the requirements of Senate Bill 1, Ohio State ATI submitted a closure waiver request to the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) for the Environment and Natural Resources Associate of Science program. The waiver request was denied. To ensure full compliance with state requirements, Ohio State ATI administration has informed faculty of ODHE's decision and is proceeding with deactivation of the program.

Plans Ahead

Ohio State ATI is committed to protecting the academic progress of all students. Currently, the Environment and Natural Resources Associate of Science program includes 11 paid admits, 18 first-year students, and 9 continuing students. This program deactivation is not expected to disrupt students' progress toward degree completion. Working closely with the program coordinator and the Ohio State ATI Academic Affairs Office, plans will be implemented to ensure all students are supported in completing their remaining degree requirements without interruption.

No new students will be enrolled in the program after July 31, 2026.

Deactivation of the Environment and Natural Resources Associate of Science program may result in a financial impact to Ohio State ATI, as graduation State Share of Instruction associated with the associate degree will no longer be realized. Upon final degree conferral, Ohio State ATI will assess program-specific courses for potential deactivation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if additional information or documentation is required to accompany this submission. We look forward to hearing from the FAES Committee on Academic Affairs regarding next steps in the approval process.

Sincerely,

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