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Dear Mr. Jolly,

Re: Registration under the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005

Thank you for completing the Private Career College Pre-screening Form that was received on August 15, 2006 to determine whether you and/or your organization are required to register General Field Assistant Training (FAT) Program under the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005.*

The following is taken into consideration when determining if registration of an organization is required under the Act:

- Section 1 of the Act specifies: "vocational program" means instruction in the skills and knowledge required in order to obtain employment in a prescribed vocation.
- Section 1 of the Act specifies: "private career college" means an education institution or other institution, agency or entity that provides one or more vocational programs to students for a fee and pursuant to individual contracts with the students.
- Regulation 415/06, Subsection 7(1) specifies: "For the purposes of the
 definition of "vocational program" in subsection 1 (1) of the Act and subject to
 subsection (2), each occupation included in the document entitled 'National
 Occupational Classification, 2001 occupational descriptions' published by
 Human Resources and Skills Development Canada in 2001 is prescribed as a
 vocation.

In your letter, you state that you offer General Field Assistant Training (FAT) Program that is intended for students with a minimum of a post-graduate degree from a recognized college or university and/or 3-5 years working the environmental industry. In order to become certified students would need to complete a minimum of 40 hours per course. The total number of hours to complete the program may very depending upon the qualifications required for a job in their field.