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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees 

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RE: Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Contaminated Site Remediation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Contaminated Site Remediation in The Graduate School.

RESOLUTION:

"Be it resolved that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees approves the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Contaminated Site Remediation in The Graduate School."

BACKGROUND:

The Graduate Certificate in Contaminated Site Remediation was approved in December 2017, at which time it was anticipated it would enroll 10 students per year. It was developed as part of the College of Engineering's Brownfields Initiative, which helped the College receive funding opportunities, including a large EPA grant. The Certificate was developed with the support and input of engineering firms working in contaminated site remediation. However, only one student has ever completed the Certificate, and only a handful of students have ever enrolled in the program.

There is currently no strong industry interest for this type of curriculum, and the faculty lead for the Certificate recently left UConn. Given these facts, the College of Engineering have decided to close the program. As there are no students currently enrolled in the program, no teach-out plan is required. The program will be removed from the Connecticut Office of Higher Education inventory of academic programs after the current academic year.