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Dr. Culbertson:

PHS 534: Methods of Physical Science was recently reviewed by a Certification Coursework Review Team and the Science Program Specialist in Standards Based Teaching and Learning at the Arizona Department of Education. Following a review of the course description, daily course calendar, and alignment with physical science performance objectives in grades 8 and high school, PHS 534 may be used, in part, to meet the content requirements for coursework in physical science.

I would like to clarify a misunderstanding reflected in the June 16, 2006 letter. "The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) funded us in May 2006 in part to provide this course for teachers who need to become highly qualified....." Selection of an institution for participation in a SAHE or ABOR Grant does not automatically qualify the coursework for acceptance by ADE to meet content requirements for certification or highly qualified.

Thank-you for your patience in reaching our conclusion. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia L. Hardy".

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