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**Subject:** Consolidation of course designators

Gary

As you know, we have now been renamed the School of Nuclear Science and Engineering. Following our recent faculty retreat we realized that with this new name we should be able to simplify our course listings. Consequently I would like to request a blanket consolidation of course names. The request and rationale are noted below.

### **New/Change of Course Designator:**

**NE → NSE**

**RHP → NSE**

**MP → NSE**

The School of Nuclear Science and Engineering will be changing all of its NE, RHP, and MP current course designators to the new designator NSE (nuclear science and engineering).

**Purpose:** The Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiation Health Physics has recently been changed to the School of Nuclear Science and Engineering. With this change we are consolidating and renaming the designator for all of our NE, RHP, and MP courses to NSE. The majority of our NE/RHP/MP courses are cross-listed; the change will greatly reduce the complexity of our course listing, making it easier for students to navigate the School's offerings. All Nuclear Engineering and Radiation Health Physics programs and majors will benefit from this change. The existing coherent body of knowledge will not be altered by this change. The proposed renaming is consistent with practice in OSU's College of Engineering and other colleges around the country.

**Accountability:** Responsibility for the integrity and oversight of the proposed course designator lies with Kathryn Higley, Head, School of Nuclear Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering. Scheduling and catalog updates are coordinated by Janet Knudson, Office Manager, NSE. Consistency and outcome assessment is handled by the School's Curriculum Chair, currently Dr. Brian Woods. Credit for the SCH generated by the courses shall lie with the School of Nuclear Sciences and Engineering. Dr. Higley is responsible for information dissemination.

**Impacts:** The major benefactor of this change will be the students. Scheduling and course selection will be greatly simplified. The change of designator will take

place for all current NE/RHP/MP courses and will not compete with, nor duplicate, existing courses. No changes to program content are necessary. There is no conflict between courses (e.g., NE 481 has the same content as RHP 481). No new cross-listings will occur, but many will be removed because of our current practice of cross-listing NE, RHP, and MP courses. Transfer credits will not be impacted. The NE/RHP/MP course designators will expire at the time the new designator (NSE) becomes active.

Please let me know if it is possible to proceed with a blanket renaming of our courses, rather than clog the system with hundreds of Cat II's.

Kathy

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