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Dear Jitendra:

I am writing to provide a description of the Department of Soil Science's proposed BFAR requirement that graduate student M.Sc. and Ph.D. theses must be written in English. The formal language and rationale are written below. They are based exactly on what the Department of Entomology had proposed.

BFAR wording approved at Department of Soil Science Council:

Students must produce their thesis written in the English language at a level commensurate with degree being sought.

Rationale:

In soil science, the ability to communicate and publish research results in writing is an essential skill so it can be submitted and published in peer review journals. English is the primary language of the discipline in which research is published and evaluated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David A. Lobb
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