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Dear Lab Members of the South Science Building,

I write to express our appreciation for your contributions to reducing the University's energy consumption through your participation in SFU's Green Labs program. Since the program was launched in August 2011, your labs in the South Science Building have reduced their consumption of natural gas by 4.4% and of electricity by 3.2%.

Your contributions to energy conservation helped SFU to meet its commitment to reduce its energy consumption by 2% annually despite the continued growth in the University's size, population and research activity. Your Green Labs practices reduced emissions from natural gas by 1000GJ, enough to heat 11 households for a year. Electricity saved equaled 270,000kWh, enough to power 25 households for a year. You also saved SFU approximately \$22,800 in direct costs to purchase that energy, and an additional \$3000 in carbon tax and carbon offset costs avoided.

Perhaps more importantly, your collaborative efforts to identify and implement new ways to save energy (e.g., removing pot lamps in hallways, shutting down boilers in the evening, incorporating sustainability into building orientations, etc.) are a meaningful contribution to SFU's ongoing development into a sustainable culture. Conserving resources and reducing emissions are essential to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and that university communities should lead rather than follow in this essential global effort.

Thank you for bringing your enthusiasm and commitment to SFU's Green Labs program. I hope your performance will serve as a model for the expansion of this effort throughout SFU's many research labs.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KC Bell".

KC Bell, Director
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