**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Public Health offers the following graduate degree programs:
- MS in Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Management
- PhD and MS in Public Health
- Master of Public Health (joint campus program with OHSU and PSU)
- MS in Health Promotion and Health Behavior

The MS in Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Management was reviewed in 2003-04. In its report, the review team made the following recommendation, “We also recommend that the Masters in Public Health (MPH) program review, scheduled for 2008, be changed to a review of all graduate programs in the Department of Public Health, including EHOSM.” The graduate programs listed above are scheduled for review during the 2008-09 academic year. The MPH degree recently (2005-06) underwent an accreditation review process and received the fullest approval offered by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). More recently (Feb. 11, 2008) the Department of Public Health decided to formally suspend the master's programs in Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Management, Public Health, and Health Promotion and Health Behavior because their MPH program offers comparable tracks in these specialty areas.

**ISSUE:**

The Department of Public Health requests that the Graduate Council Program Review of the MPH program be substantially abbreviated during this review cycle in light of the recent full accreditation and the high national ranking that the program enjoys.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The Graduate Council waives the scheduled reviews of the three master's degree programs offered by the Department of Public Health because the department will formally suspend those programs effective fall, 2008.
2. The usual Graduate Council Program Review of the PhD program in public health will occur as scheduled during 2008-09.
3. The panel that reviews the PhD program will review the accreditation documentation relative to the MPH against the Graduate Council Program Review Guidelines well in advance of the PhD review and determine if there are any questions/concerns that require additional consideration. Pending no such concerns, the Graduate Council review of the MPH will be considered to have been met through the CEPH accreditation process.