Curriculum Review and Approval

The EEI Curriculum, which was approved by the State Board of Education in early 2010, was developed and vetted in a lengthy and highly transparent public process. The quality of the EEI Curriculum was assured through multiple layers of peer and expert review that included the following:

1. Expert reviews of each curriculum unit,
2. Field and pilot testing by teachers,
3. An independent review by the Curriculum Development & Supplemental Materials Commission and State Board of Education in 2009 (which mirrored the textbook adoption review process),
4. Professional peer review by associations of education professionals at various conferences and meetings (throughout the process),
5. A nine-month public comment period during which the Curriculum was posted on the web (and of which well over a thousand individuals and organizations were notified by both Cal/EPA and CDE),
6. Additional review by subject matter experts of select, high profile units,
7. Approval by the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency and California Natural Resources Agency to ensure scientific and environmental content,
8. SBE review (required by law), and subsequent approval, contingent upon incorporation of necessary edits and corrections, and
9. Final review and approval by CDE of all edits and corrections at the direction of SBE.

The EEI Curriculum received final unanimous approval by the State Board of Education on January 7th, 2010. This action is unprecedented and positioned California at the forefront of environment-based education nationally, with a State-Approved curriculum ready for use in the classroom.

For further information specific to the Department of Education review and the State Board of Education Approval of the EEI Curriculum, please refer to:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/sc/ee/