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### ***Kaiser Permanente Achieves Climate Action Leader Status***

Los Angeles, Calif. – Kaiser Permanente has successfully certified its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory with the California Climate Action Registry, becoming the first health care organization to earn the distinction of *Climate Action Leader*<sup>™</sup>. Kaiser Permanente is now publicly and voluntarily reporting its 2006 GHG emissions under the rigorous Registry program.

“At Kaiser Permanente another part of providing total health to our members is paying attention to the organization’s impact on the environment and managing our greenhouse gas emissions is just one aspect of that,” says Benjamin K. Chu, MD, president of Kaiser Permanente Southern California Region. “We want to provide care in a manner that protects and enhances the environment and health of our communities”

In addition participating in the Registry’s program, Kaiser Permanente has created additional greenhouse gas emissions programs of its own. According to Kaiser Permanente, the organization’s Southern California trip-reduction program has resulted in annual avoidance of 15 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by their employees commuting to work. In its Northern California region, Kaiser estimates energy savings initiatives at 19 facilities have reduced total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by more than 2 million pounds so far this year, and are expecting to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions pounds by the end of the year.

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, is a non-profit public/private partnership that helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report, and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third parties to ensure accuracy and standardization across industry sectors. Organizations that are willing to meet the accounting standards and third party certification requirements of the Registry show their serious intent to address climate change. The Registry has been widely recognized as one of the world’s most respected programs for voluntary public reporting of greenhouse gases.

“Kaiser Permanente’s leadership is making a truly astounding impact on the health care industry. The organization’s commitment and drive to sustainability is remarkable,” said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

Kaiser Permanente certified GHG emission report for 2005 is available on the Registry's website at [www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/](http://www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/).

**Kaiser Permanente** is the nation's largest not-for-profit integrated health care organization. Founded in 1945, with headquarters in Oakland, Calif., Kaiser Permanente serves the health care needs of 8.7 million members in nine states and the District of Columbia. The organization aspires to be the world leader in improving health through high-quality, affordable, integrated health care. Kaiser Permanente is continuously reducing its environmental impact by operating and constructing facilities that incorporate environmentally sensitive technologies, endeavoring to provide patient meals sourced from local farmers, and supporting policy efforts to position California as a global leader in green chemistry innovation.

**The California Climate Action Registry** is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 280 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org)

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