



## PRESS RELEASE

---

Media contacts:

Perrin Pellegrin  
UC Santa Barbara  
(805) 893-2661 x2208

Joel Levin  
California Climate Action Registry  
(213) 891-6927

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 17, 2006

### **UCSB Recognized as *Climate Action Leader* by California Registry**

SANTA BARBARA, California – The University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) has successfully certified its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory with the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), becoming the second UC campus to earn the distinction of *Climate Action Leader*<sup>™</sup>. UCSB is now publicly and voluntarily reporting its campus-wide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions under this rigorous registry program.

A project initiated by graduate students at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at UCSB brought attention to the Registry's program. The students have now used the data collected through the Registry program as the basis for a strategic GHG reduction plan and have identified ways to save the campus over \$100,000 annually and reduce GHG emissions.

"Joining and participating in the Registry's program shows our campus' commitment to improving our environment and overall campus sustainability" said George Lewis, UCSB Associate Director Physical Facilities.

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 compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and 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 a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

"UCSB is using our program as it was intended – it is not only publicly and voluntarily disclosing information about its GHG emissions, but is using the information to strategically plan for the future to reduce emissions and to save money at the same time," said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

UCSB's certified GHG emission report for 2004 is available through the Registry's website at [www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/](http://www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/).

**UC Santa Barbara**, one of the ten University of California campuses, is home to nearly 20,000 students, nine national research centers, two professional schools, and a number of multidisciplinary programs and institutes. Five Nobel Prizes have been awarded to faculty members since 1998, and U.S. News and World Report's college guide named UCSB as the 13th best public university in the nation. [www.ucsb.edu](http://www.ucsb.edu)

**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 75 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org)

###