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UCLA Commits to Fighting Global Warming

Commits to measure and monitor their climate change emissions

LOS ANGELES, California – UCLA has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. As a member, UCLA will work with the Registry to annually track, report and certify its greenhouse gas emissions, the main drivers of global warming.

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. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

UCLA is California's largest university, with an annual enrollment of approximately 38,000 undergraduate and graduate students and 27,000 faculty and staff. UCLA is known worldwide for the breadth and quality of its academic, research, health care, cultural, continuing education and athletic programs. Since 1990, UCLA has significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions through vanpool and ride-sharing programs; a \$180 million investment in a cogeneration plant that produces electricity, steam and chilled water from landfill methane gas and natural gas, and an increase in on-campus housing, among other steps. In May 2006, UCLA commissioned a campuswide committee to build on its strong foundation of environmentally conscious programs and further promote sustainability in campus planning, development and operations and in education and research. www.sustain.ucla.edu.

"Joining the Registry is an important step in our continued efforts to bolster UCLA's environmentally sustainable practices," said Mary D. Nichols, director of the UCLA Institute of the Environment and co-chair of the campus' sustainability committee.

"UCLA understands the critical link between education and environmental stewardship and I applaud their efforts to educate the public on environmental issues while also reducing their GHG emissions. We are especially pleased that the first chair of the Registry, Mary Nichols, is now head of the UCLA Institute of the Environment," said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

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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 200 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateactionregistry.org

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