

Alvin Weinberg to present his views on current energy dilemma

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Alvin Weinberg, a distinguished scientist and former federal energy official, will present his views on the current energy dilemma and the role of "big science" in two public talks at the University of California, San Diego in late January and early February.

Weinberg, currently director of the Institute for Energy Analysis, Oak Ridge, Tenn., will discuss "Reflections on the Energy Wars" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 26, in room 2722 of the Undergraduate Sciences Building on the Revelle campus. His talk is billed as a commentary on energy futures."

Weinberg will discuss the proper societal role of "big science" in his second talk, "Trans-science and the Limits to Science," to be given at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, also in room 2722 of the Undergraduate Sciences Building.

Admission to both talks is free.

Weinberg, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, spent more than a quarter century as director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, one of the world's renowned scientific and technological institutions.

In 1974, he served as director of the Federal Energy Administration's Office of Energy Research and Development where his major duties included formulating U.S. energy and research development policies and plans to implement them, ensuring the consistency of research and development priorities with overall energy policy, and evaluating proposed energy research and development programs.

Prior to assuming his government post, Weinberg conceived the idea for the Institute for Energy Analysis, the organization he now directs

The purpose of the institute is to deal with the complex technological, scientific, environmental, legal, political and financial problems of energy in what Weinberg calls "a fully coherent manner" and "to provide government with certain long-range thinking and planning about energy that has been lacking."

His appearance at UC San Diego as a Distinguished Regents' Lecturer is sponsored by the Departments of Applied Mechanics and Engineering Science (AMES) and Physics.

(Editors: Dr. Weinberg will be at the UC San Diego campus starting January 16 for approximately one month. Interviews can be arranged through the Public Information Office, 452-3120.)

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