

Energy Center received continuation contract from US Department of Energy to fund activities of Fossil Energy Research Working Group

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The Energy Center at the University of California, San Diego has received a continuation contract of \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy to fund the activities of the Fossil Energy Research Working Group (FERWG).

The FERWG, a joint industry-university working group, has been performing field evaluations to determine research and development needs relating to synthetic fuels, including coal gasification, coal liquefaction, and the recovery of oil from oil shale.

The new task for the group will deal with oil recovery from tar sands. According to Dr. Stanford S. Penner, director of the UCSD Energy Center and chairman of the FERWG, recent estimates suggest that tar sands located in the United States constitute a substantially larger resource than was believed to be available in the past and that these resources are likely to contribute appreciably to U.S. oil supplies during the next decade.

The UCSD Energy Center was established as an organized research unit in June 1974 to take advantage of the opportunities that exist in the San Diego area to solve fundamental problems resulting from the world's need for energy. The center recently received another major grant from the San Diego Gas and Electric Company to continue its studies in the area of energy conservation.

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