

Energy Center receives grant from SDG&E

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The University of California, San Diego Energy Center has received a grant of \$14,850 from the San Diego Gas and Electric Company for support of two programs of energy study.

The money is a supplement to an earlier \$45,186 grant to the center from the local utility for energy conservation studies in the San Diego region.

According to Dr. Stanford S. Penner, professor of engineering physics and director of the center, the first program deals with increased use of solar-energy systems and of energy-conservation devices such as insulation in new construction. The study will be conducted by Dr. James R. Clinton, lecturer, who is a member of the UCSD Energy Center staff and author of a recently published book, "Solar Energy Home Use in San Diego."

The second program is aimed at increasing environmental impact assessments of nuclear reactors. These studies are being conducted by Dr. John P. Howe, adjunct professor of nuclear engineering in the Department of Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences at UC San Diego.

The energy program began operation on the San Diego campus during the 1972-73 academic year with university support for two research assistants. The Energy Center was established as an organized research unit in June 1974. In addition to the current funding for solar energy and energy conservation research, the San Diego Gas and Electric Company has previously made two three-year grants for graduate fellowships at UC San Diego in the areas of geothermal resource development and energy conservation.

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