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Subject: First in Nation Renewable Gas Center Opened at UC Riverside

Last month, SoCalGas joined with the University of California, Riverside to announce the establishment of a new **Center for Renewable Natural Gas** at the University of California, Riverside.

The new Center is the first academic establishment in the United States dedicated to the study and applied research of renewable gas technologies. It was funded in part by SoCalGas with a matching donation from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the National Center for Sustainable Transportation (NCST) and is part of UC Riverside's Center for Environmental Research & Technology (CE-CERT).

Please click on the following link for the Center's website and see the attached brochure for the research focus of the Center:

<http://www.cert.ucr.edu/research/rng/>

Like electricity, gas can be made from renewable sources. The Center will focus on improving technologies and removing barriers to increase renewable gas use in California and beyond, conducting research on:

- High-yield renewable natural gas production
- Storing renewable energy with power-to-gas technology
- Technologies to increase renewable gas use in heavy-duty trucking and other transportation
- Potential sites for renewable gas production projects

"We support the Center at UC Riverside because renewable natural gas deployment in near-zero emission trucks provides a triple win for the region: green jobs, sustainable transportation and lower tailpipe emissions," said Wayne Nastri, executive officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

We hope you agree!

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