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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Carbon footprint shrinks 6%

Greenhouse gas emissions under UT's control decreased about 6 percent from 2004 to 2006, placing the university in the mid-range of comparable schools that have completed inventories.

Emissions under UT control totaled 295,422 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, according to a news release. The finding is based on an inventory of the main campus and the J.J. Pickle Research Campus in North Austin.

"While the university has taken major steps to shrink our carbon footprint by producing energy more efficiently and reducing energy demand, this inventory spotlights areas where we can have the greatest impact on reducing emissions in the future," said Steven Kraal, senior associate vice president for campus planning and facilities management.