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### EDUCATION

**Masters in City and Regional Planning, Harvard University,**  
Cambridge, MA, June 1980.

**B.A., Government and American Studies, *cum laude*, Wesleyan  
University,** Middletown, CT, June 1978.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

10/94 - present

**Senior Fellow,** Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

Director of a variety of research and policy projects related to Superfund and other environmental programs. Responsible for developing project ideas, raising funds for, and managing policy projects, as well as related outreach and communications activities. Coordinated and facilitated numerous workshops, conferences, and other meetings.

Lead organizer of February 2009 conference on the role of states in a federal climate program, attended by over 100 representatives of the full panoply of stakeholders.

Developed a model carbon dioxide emissions label for motor vehicles and wrote a short policy piece arguing that CO2 emissions labels should be required for all new motor vehicles sold in the United States (see [www.rff.org/co2vehiclelabel](http://www.rff.org/co2vehiclelabel)).

Director of study to develop measures of success for the Superfund program, an independent study funded by EPA.

Director of a major study estimating the cost of the Superfund program over the next 10 years, a project requested by the Senate Appropriations Committee as part of FY 2000 EPA appropriations bill conference report. This \$500,000 study culminated in an RFF *Report to Congress* released in July 2001.

Director of multi-year program of research to identify ways to improve the U.S. Department of Energy's program to clean up the nuclear weapons complex.

Principal investigator and lead author of a study of the evolution of hazardous waste management programs in eight countries, funded in part by The World Bank.

Frequently asked to provide technical assistance by congressional staff, trade press, government managers, and representatives of industry and environmental groups. Appeared on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal* to talk about 2001 Superfund report, as well as on WNYC call in show. Interviewed (and quoted) frequently in local and regional papers, and in the trade press. Interviewed periodically by the national press.

5/1/04 – 9/30/06

**Director**, Risk, Resource, and Environmental Management Division, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC.

Responsible for the division budget, administering personnel reviews, recruiting, and participating in management deliberations and decisions.

10/91 - 9/94

**Fellow**, Center for Risk Management, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

Research fellow, focusing on policy analysis of the Superfund program. Project director and lead author of an analysis of the financial implications of alternative Superfund liability and taxing schemes, and also of a study of the strengths and weaknesses of alternative liability approaches for Superfund cleanups.

10/90 - 9/91

**Consultant-in-residence**, Center for Risk Management, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

Project director for examination of alternative financing and liability mechanisms for the Superfund program.

Directed the planning and implementation of a one-day conference for the U.S. EPA to bring together researchers and a cross-section of the Superfund policy-making community to discuss what research needs to be conducted to help inform the reauthorization debate.

5/90 - 9/90

**Director**, Planning and Marketing, Clean Sites, Inc. Alexandria, VA

Drafted Clean Sites' strategic plan for 1991 and worked with senior management to implement recommendations. Served on Clean Sites' Management Committee.

5/88 - 4/90

**Senior Policy Analyst**, Public Policy and Education, Clean Sites, Inc. Alexandria, VA

Responsible for developing and managing a variety of Superfund policy efforts and for developing grant proposals. Lead author and project director of Clean Sites' report *Making Superfund Work*, which identified specific changes needed in the implementation of the Superfund program to assure a more effective and efficient program.

6/87 - 5/88

**Program Administrator**, Psychiatry Service, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Washington, DC

Administrator for program to provide services to homeless, chronically mentally ill, veterans.

12/84 - 4/87

**Program Director**, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, Washington, DC

Director of the Institute's hazardous waste management policy program; liaison with congressional, EPA, industry and environmental group staff on RCRA issues. Authored two major research reports.

9/83 - 12/84

**Deputy Director**, Office of Regulatory Review, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, New York, NY

Responsible for designing and managing comprehensive evaluations of the Department's policy development and permit issuance processes.

9/80 - 8/83

**Project Manager**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Management Systems and Evaluation, Washington, DC

Directed a variety of program evaluation and strategic planning projects, with emphasis on hazardous waste and program implementation issues and state-EPA partnerships.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

~Member of National Research Council's Committee on Dredging Contaminated Superfund Megsites.

~Former member of U.S. DOE's Environmental Management Advisory Board subcommittee on long-term stewardship, and

of two EPA advisory committees on the future of the Superfund program.

~ Former member of EPA Science Advisory Board panel on Superfund benefits analysis.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2006**      *Combating Global Warming One Car at a Time: CO2 Emissions labels for New Motor Vehicles*, RFF, March.
- 2005**      “Superfund at 25: What Remains to be Done?”, *Resources*, Fall.
- Estimating the Cost of Institutional Controls*, with John Pendergrass, RFF Report, March.
- 2004**      “Redirecting Superfund Dollars, *New Approaches on Energy and the Environment: Policy Advice for the President*, RFF Press, Chapter 14.
- Success for Superfund: A New Approach for Keeping Score*, with Diane Sherman, RFF Report, April.
- 2002**      “Superfund’s Future,” *Environmental Forum*, March/April, Volume 19, Number 2, pp. 32-41.
- 2001**      *Regulating Government*, with J. Clarence Davies, RFF Discussion Paper 01-29, September.
- Superfund’s Future: What Will It Cost?* With David Konisky and others, Report to Congress, RFF Press, July.
- 2000**      *Long-Term Stewardship of Contaminated Sites: Trust Funds as Mechanisms for Financing and Oversight*, with Carl Bauer, RFF Discussion Paper, December.
- “Public and Private Sector Financing of Hazardous Waste Facilities”, with Thomas C. Beierle, *City Development Strategies*, First Quarter, No. 2.
- Cleaning up the Nuclear Weapons Complex: Does Anybody Care?* with Adam I. Lowe, RFF Issue Paper, January.
- 1999**      “Hazardous Waste Management: Lessons from Eight Countries,” with Thomas C. Beierle, *Environment*, Volume 41, Number 9, November.
- “The Challenge Ahead,” with Michael McGovern, *FORUM for Applied Research and Public Policy*, Summer.

*The Evolution of Hazardous Waste Management Programs: Lessons from Eight Countries*, with Thomas C. Beierle, Resources for the Future, June.

- 1998** “Funding Hazardous Waste Cleanups: A Promising Remedy,” with others, *Land Use Policy*, November, Vol. 16, No.1, pp. 44-55, RFF Discussion Paper 98-03.

*Long-Term Stewardship and the Nuclear Weapons Complex – The Challenge Ahead*, with Michael McGovern, RFF Report, Resources for the Future, June.

- 1997** “Reforming Superfund: Who Will Pay?,” *Maryland Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues*, 1996-1997, Vol. 8, Issue 1.

*Linking Land Use and Superfund Cleanups: Uncharted Territory*, with Robert Hersh, Kris Wernstedt, and Jan Mazurek, RFF Report, Resources for the Future, June.

- 1996** *Cleaning up the Nuclear Weapons Complex: Exploring New Approaches*, with others, RFF Discussion Paper 96-25, August.

- 1995** *Footing the Bill for Superfund Cleanups: Who Pays and How?* With others, RFF Press and Brookings Press.

- 1993** “Stand Down and Recommit the EPA to the Public”, *Environmental Forum*, September/October.

- 1992** *Assigning Liability for Superfund Cleanups*, with Paul R. Portney, RFF Report.

- 1991** “The EPA at Thirtysomething” with Paul R. Portney and Adam Finkel, *Environmental Law*, 1991, Vo. 21, No. 4, pp. 1461-1475.

- 1990** *Improving Remedy Selection: An Explicit and Interactive Process for the Superfund Program*, with others, Clean Sites, Inc., October.

*Hazardous Waste Sites and the Rural Poor: A Preliminary Assessment*, Clean Sites, Inc. March.

- 1989** *Making Superfund Work*, with Nancy Newkirk, Clean Sites, Inc. January.

- 1987** *The National Hazardous Waste Land Disposal Restrictions: Better Data, Clearer Policy Needed to Make Them Work*, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, October.

- 1985** *Statutory Deadlines in Environmental Legislation: Necessary But Need Improvement*, with others, Environmental and Energy Study Institute/Environmental Law Institute, September.

**CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

- 2006** Presented testimony on the key Superfund issues needing congressional oversight before the Superfund Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, June 15, 2006.
- 1995** Presented testimony on the implications of eliminating retroactive liability in Superfund and the need for clearer cleanup standards before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 22, 1995.
- 1995** Presented testimony on the implications of eliminating retroactive liability in Superfund before the Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control and Risk Assessment of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, March 10, 1995.
- 1994** Presented testimony on the cost of the Administration's Superfund reform bill and other major Superfund legislative proposals before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation and Hazardous Materials, February 1994.
- 1993** Presented testimony on the strengths and weaknesses of the current Superfund liability scheme and alternative approaches before the Subcommittee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources of the House Committee on Government Operations, November 1993.
- 1993** Presented testimony on the strengths and weaknesses of the current Superfund program before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation and Hazardous Materials, April 1993.
- 1992** Presented testimony on the financial implications of alternative Superfund financing schemes before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight, August 1992.

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