

# RFF Connection



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**RFF Connection** is a regular newsletter from Resources for the Future that alerts subscribers to new RFF research and policy analysis on environmental, energy, natural resource, and public health issues, forthcoming events, and selected media highlights.

## How Will EPA Regulate Greenhouse Gases?



Under the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency can regulate emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. An analysis by RFF researchers examines how the government will manage oversight of power plants and other stationary sources of emissions. [Read the full feature here.](#)

## Event: A Natural Gas Revolution?

Our expert panel discusses how recent advances in shale gas recovery technology will shape energy and climate policy in the coming decades. [Video](#), [audio](#), and [presentation](#) available here.



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## Do Ecolabels Really Have Environmental Benefits?

A new study looks at the growing trend in socially responsible product certification, finding limited evidence that these labels boost environmental or socioeconomic benefits. [Read the full feature here.](#)

## Taking Stock of the Biomass Crop Assistance Program

RFF Senior Fellow Roger Sedjo finds that the impacts of a new federal biomass program on wood growers and processors may not be clear-cut. [Read the full feature here.](#)

## New Research from RFF

[What Drives Voluntary Eco-Certification in Mexico?](#)

[International Greenhouse Gas Offsets Under the Clean Air Act](#)

[Climate Policy's Uncertain Outcomes for Households: The Role of Complex Allocation Schemes in Cap-and-Trade](#)

## Media Highlights

### Why the Clean Air Act May Be Past Its Prime

April 17, 2010, *Wall Street Journal*

RFF Senior Fellow Dallas Burtraw asserts that although the 1970 Clean Air Act has been beneficial in implementing pollution-fighting ideas, it has been an overly expensive process. "The Clean Air Act has been very effective, but it's not been cost-effective," Burtraw observed. [Read the full story.](#)

### World Development Report 2010: The Impacts of Climate Change

March-April 2010, *Environment*

In reviewing the World Bank's annual development report, RFF Senior Fellow Joel Darmstadter comments on the practicalities of implementing policies to manage global climate change, noting, "It's no doubt the case that public-policy initiatives and intervention in the energy field, and other areas closely related to global warming, can never be wholly shorn of constituency and short-term political pressures that undermine, rather than promote, the goal of long-term environmental integrity." [Read the full article.](#)

## Save the Date

May 12, 2010

[The Road to a Low-Carbon Energy Future](#)

## Weekly Policy Commentary

[Carbon Price: A Better Climate Commitment](#) by Peter Cramton and Steven Stoft

## weathervane RFF's Climate Policy Blog

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[Why CAIR Matters for GHGs](#) by Nathan Richardson

[A Matter of Semantics: Hard vs. Soft Price Collars](#) by Danny Morris

## Publications



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## Researcher Spotlight



Allen Kneese Senior Fellow Ian Parry assesses the economic efficiency of fuel taxes on transportation concerns, including air quality, traffic congestion, and mass transit. [Watch the video.](#)

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