

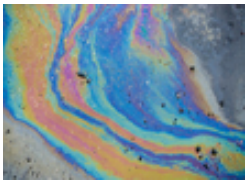
RFF Connection



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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.

Who Bears the Long-Term Costs of Stricter Anti-Spill Policy?



In a new policy brief, RFF Senior Fellow Timothy Brennan explains that the long-term costs of ratcheting up liability for oil spills, like the recent tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico, will primarily be borne not by companies involved in oil

exploration. Read the full feature [here](#).

Connecting Americans to the Great Outdoors

America's scenic and natural resources have always been a source of national pride but the evidence is mixed about how often we go outdoors and who among us goes. Read the full feature [here](#).

Crunching the Numbers on "Cash for Clunkers"



A new study from researchers at RFF finds efforts to bolster auto sales and reduce CO2 emissions through 2009's "Cash for Clunkers" program achieved mixed results.

Read the full feature [here](#).

Harnessing Ecosystems to Help Endangered Species

A new paper by Visiting Scholar Lynn Scarlett suggests an ecosystem-based approach to listing and protecting threatened animals and plants. Read the full feature [here](#).

Save the Date

There are currently no events scheduled

Weekly Policy Commentary

Valuing the Oil Spill's Effects on Nature by James Sanchirico



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Energy and Water: A Matter of Interdependence by Joel Darmstadter

The Evolution of FutureGen: Latest Turn in a Long Story by J.W. Anderson

New Research from RFF

Ecosystem Services and Climate Adaptation

Oil Price Shocks and U.S. Economic Activity: An International Perspective

Food Safety Policy and Economics: A Review of the Literature

Media Highlights

Ignoring Past Successes

August 11, 2010, *The New York Times* and *ClimateWire*

RFF President Phil Sharp, who played an important role in Congressional passage of the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act, called the Senate's failure to act on climate change legislation before the August recess – and the mid-term elections this fall – dismaying. "What is really unfortunate in the public debate [about the value of cap and trade] is that the current Republican leadership has overthrown one of the great Republican successes in this country [under President George H.W. Bush], to capitalize on the flexibility of the marketplace in achieving regulatory change." Read the full [story](#).

When Bad Things Happen to Good Windmills

July 29, 2010, PBS

In a recent essay for the "Voices" blog of Need to Know, the PBS television and web newsmagazine, RFF Visiting Fellow Robert Fri examines the not-in-my-backyard controversies surrounding the siting of renewable energy sources, particularly wind power. Worries about energy sprawl from wind turbines, solar arrays, and new electrical grids are growing, he says, but there are ways to ameliorate them. Read the full [story](#).

Publications

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Researcher Spotlight



Timothy Brennan looks back at marketplace changes in the electrical sector under federal regulatory policies.

[Watch the video.](#)

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