

# 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.

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## RFF Awarded International Prize in Environmental Economics

A top European research institution honors RFF, citing it as a “key driver of market-based environmental policy.” [Read the full feature here.](#)

## Toward a New National Energy Policy: Assessing the Options

Major new analysis appraises 35 different U.S. energy policy options in terms of their economic costs and ability to reduce oil consumption and CO2 emissions. The project was carried out in conjunction with the National Energy Policy Institute. [Read the full feature here.](#)

## What Would Tighter Regulation on Deepwater Drilling Mean for Gas Prices?

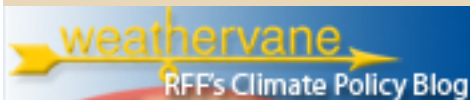
A new RFF paper analyzes how different options for controlling the costs of climate regulation in the United States fare in terms of expected emissions and overall program costs. [Read the full feature here.](#)

## Save the Date

There are currently no events scheduled

## Weekly Policy Commentary

What's the Optimal Tax on Mining? by John E. Tilton



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Death of Cap-and-Trade? by Nathan Richardson

Consensus on Changing Climate, Differences in Willingness to Pay by Tiffany Clements

## RFF Policy Leadership Forum: Roger W. Ferguson, Jr.

The TIAA-CREF president discussed the company's commitment to energy conservation as well as other socially responsible investing practices. [Audio and video available here.](#)

## New Research from RFF

[A Taxonomy of Oil Spill Costs: What are the Likely Costs of the Deepwater Horizon Spill?](#)

[Paying for Mitigation: A Multiple Country Study](#)

[Price Discovery in Emissions Permit Auctions](#)

## Media Highlights

### A New Global Focus: Oil Spill Prevention

July 8, 2010, *The Kiplinger Letter*

The U.S. will not declare an outright ban on deepwater oil drilling, RFF President Phil Sharp said in an article on increasing regulation of offshore petroleum operations. Doing so would help foreign competitors, he noted "because it is very likely that similar bans won't be required off West Africa, Cuba, Brazil, or other places where there are vast amounts of oil" in deep waters. [Read the full story.](#)

### Would a Push to Curb Carbon Really Reduce U.S. Dependence on Oil?

June 22, 2010, *New York Times* and *Greenwire*

In an analysis of the impact of pricing on fuel usage, RFF Senior Fellow Alan Krupnick, co-director of the RFF Center on Energy Economics and Policy, asserts: "You don't have a lot of options for reducing oil use significantly unless you're going to raise the price." He adds that oil consumption would fall under a sustained price increase for fuel. "If gasoline were expensive enough, people would really change their behavior. Over the long term, people learn to do with less." [Read the full story.](#)

## Publications

Issues of the Day: Commentaries on Climate, Energy, the Environment, Transportation, and Public Health Policy

## Researcher Spotlight



Harrison Fell describes "created" markets to address the issue of property rights for natural resources, with a focus on quotas set

for the fishing industry. [Watch the video.](#)

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