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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.

IN THIS ISSUE:

RFF and the 2010 Gulf Coast Oil Spill



With oil-related energy, liability, and regulatory issues again at the forefront, RFF research provides context and insight into future implications. [Read the full feature here.](#)

Event: The Road to a Low-Carbon Energy Future

The Exelon CEO discussed recent trends affecting the relative cost-effectiveness of different strategies for reducing emissions from the power sector. [Video, audio, and presentation available here.](#)

The Implications of Choosing a "Hard" or "Soft" Price Collar



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.](#)

Malaria Can Be Controlled Despite Rising Temperatures

Contrary to conventional wisdom, global warming will not cause malaria to spread or intensify according to new research by Visiting Scholar David L. Smith. [Read the full feature here.](#)

New Research from RFF

[Lost Ecosystem Goods and Services as a Measure of Marine Oil Pollution Damages](#)
[Soft and Hard Price Collars in a Cap-and-Trade System: A Comparative Analysis](#)
[Energy-Efficiency Program Evaluations: Opportunities for Learning and Inputs to Incentive Mechanisms](#)

Media Highlights

U.S. Scientists Urge Action On Climate Change

May 19, 2010, *National Public Radio*

A report issued by the National Research Council finds unequivocal evidence that Earth is warming and calls on the U.S. government to organize a massive and sustained effort to slow that process. RFF Visiting Scholar Robert Fri, a member of the team that produced the two-year-long study, said "A principal conclusion of our report is that the country needs both a prompt and a sustained national commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions." [Read the full story.](#)

Offshore Drilling Loses Support After Gulf Oil Spill

May 4, 2010, *National Public Radio*

In a broadcast analyzing debate over continued offshore drilling for oil, RFF President Phil Sharp warns that all Americans – politicians and consumers alike – should consider where the demand for new oil comes from. Sharp noted: "It's a little bit disingenuous on our part if we ethically think, 'Oh my goodness, we are going to protect the environment, we are not going to allow drilling, but we are just going to consume to our heart's content.'" [Read the full story.](#)

Save the Date

June 2, 2010

[Coming Clean: An Economic Perspective on Water Quality Policy](#)

Weekly Policy Commentary

[A Primer on Oil Price Shocks Past and Present](#)
by Lutz Kilian

weathervane RFF's Climate Policy Blog

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[Don't Hate the Clean Air Act: Why EPA Climate Regulation Isn't as Bad as You Think](#) by Dallas Burtraw and Nathan Richardson

[How Kerry-Lieberman Slices the Pie](#) by Daniel F. Morris

Publications



Issues of the Day: Commentaries on Climate, Energy, the Environment,

Transportation, and Public Health Policy

Researcher Spotlight



Richard D. Morgenstern reviews his extensive research on climate change, particularly in Europe and in developing nations. [Watch the video.](#)

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