

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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Could Uncertain Forest Inventories Hinder Carbon Markets?



Incongruities in national forest measures from across the globe could present a stumbling block for the development of international forest policy, says Paul Waggoner. [Read the full feature here.](#)

Designing Policies to Speed Technology Transfer to China

Clearing the barriers to the transfer of climate mitigation technologies means tackling difficult issues like intellectual property and tax incentives for implementation. [Read the full feature here.](#)

Harnessing New Technologies to Curb CO2 Emissions



At an RFF briefing, the Electric Power Research Institute presented their recently updated analyses that identify how the U.S. can meet the challenges of satisfying demand growth and constraining CO2 emissions, while also limiting increases in electricity costs. [Video is available here.](#)

New Research from RFF

[The Definition and Choice for Environmental Commodities for Nonmarket Valuation](#)

[The Challenges of Climate for Energy Markets](#)

[Traffic Safety and Vehicle Choice: Quantifying the Effects of the Arms Race on American Roads](#)

Media Highlights

Senate to Consider Limits on Carbon Dioxide Emissions

September 15, 2009, *The Los Angeles Times*

RFF Senior Fellow Dallas Burtraw's congressional testimony is cited in an analysis of prospects for Senate passage of cap-and-trade legislation. Burtraw expresses concern about the price volatility that Europe has experienced in its market for carbon emissions permits. [Read the full story.](#)

White House May Try to Appeal Other Industries' Tax Breaks

September 11, 2009, *Oil & Gas Journal*

Nonresident RFF Fellow Stephen P.A. Brown's testimony before the Senate Finance Committee's Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Subcommittee is quoted in coverage of an Obama administration proposal to repeal oil and gas tax preferences. "The prices of oil and gas are high enough to attract investment," Brown said. "If production falls because incentives are repealed, prices will rise enough to attract investment." [Read the full story.](#)

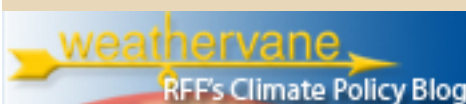
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[The Economics of Pandemics](#)

Weekly Policy Commentary

[The Value of Health and Longevity](#) by Kevin M. Murphy and Robert H. Topel



Check out Weathervane's new daily updates on climate and energy news from around the web

[Evaluating Cash for Clunkers: The Jury's Still Out](#) by Virginia McConnell

[Green Power? The Limits of Cellulosic Biofuels](#) by Roger Sedjo

Publications



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Researcher Spotlight



Ramanan Laxminarayan outlines his recent research on public health concerns, particularly antibiotic resistance and eradication of malaria. [Watch the](#)

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