

RFF Connection



RESOURCES
FOR THE FUTURE

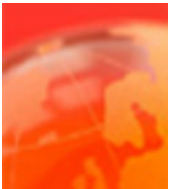
July 21, 2009

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:

- U.S. Climate Adaptation Policy
- New Ideas for Risk Regulation
- The Role of Technology Policies in Climate Mitigation
- New Research from RFF
- Media Highlights
- Take the 1-Minute Web Survey

U.S. Climate Adaptation Policy



Six new reports examine policy responses to the potential impacts climate change may have on agriculture, public health, freshwater, marine and coastal resources, infrastructure, and ecosystems.

[Learn more here.](#)

New Ideas for Risk Regulation

A two-day conference co-sponsored by RFF and the Society for Risk Analysis looked at options for improving the regulation of environmental, health, safety, and security risks. [Video and audio are available here.](#)

The Role of Technology Policies in Climate Mitigation



Designing clean-energy technology policies to "decarbonize" major economies will require both a strong pricing signal as well as removal of policy barriers that inhibit R&D. In an RFF Issue Brief, Senior Fellow Carolyn Fischer explores the trade-offs. [Read the full feature here.](#)

Weekly Policy Commentary

The Evolving SO₂ Allowance Market: Title IV, CAIR, and Beyond by Karen Palmer and David A. Evans

weathervane RFF's Climate Policy Blog

The Life-Cycle Measurement Dilemma by Joel Darmstadter

Waxman-Markey's International Reach by Andrew Stevenson

Publications



Water Policy in the Netherlands Stijn Reinhard and Henk Folmer, editors

New Research from RFF

Current Policy and Legal Issues Affecting Recreational Use of Public Lands in the American West

An Experimental Analysis of Auctioning Emissions Allowances Under a Loose Cap

Managing Climate-Related International Forest Programs: A Proposal to Create the International Forest Conservation Corporation

Media Highlights

Coal Industry Sees Life or Death in Senate Climate Debate

July 6, 2009, *The New York Times*

A Greenwire story distributed by *The New York Times* reports that coal producers are worried that changes mandated by new climate legislation could destroy their industry. RFF Senior Fellow Joel Darmstadter, discussing the feasibility of a carbon capture and sequestration demonstration plant, estimates that it would take "a minimum of 10 years" to bring such a facility online. [Read the full article.](#)

Health Reform Should Tackle the Rising Threat of Hospital Infections

June 30, 2009, *Roll Call*

An analysis co-authored by RFF Senior Fellow Ramanan Laxminarayan notes that controlling hospital-acquired infections should be part of any health reform proposal that aims to reduce costs without sacrificing quality. [Read the full story.](#)

Researcher Spotlight



Karen Palmer explains her work on state-level regulation of greenhouse gas emissions by electrical generating plants. [Watch the video](#)

About RFF

RFF improves environmental and natural resources policymaking worldwide through objective social science research of the highest caliber.

Take the **1-Minute Web Survey**