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Coping with Climate Change



Adapting to uncertain climate extremes will challenge traditional regulatory mechanisms. In this seminar, panelists presented a range of options to deal with concerns about ecosystems, forests, oceans, freshwater resources, wildlife, and existing infrastructure. [Event audio and video](#) are available here.

Improving U.S. Regulatory Policy

A new report – Reforming Regulatory Impact Analysis – was released March 31 by Resources for the Future, and draws on a wide spectrum of economic, legal, and administrative expertise to develop constructive suggestions for improving federal regulatory impact analyses (RIAs). [The full report and event video](#) are available here.

Save the Date

May 6, 2009

[New Directions for Managing Our Ecosystems](#)

Weekly Policy Commentary

[Oil Spills: The Deterrent Effects of Monitoring, Enforcement, and Public Information](#) by [Mark Cohen](#)

Publications



[A Shot Against MRSA?](#)

RFF Press Earth Day Sale 2009



In celebration of Earth Day, RFF Press is offering a 40% discount on all published books, valid April 20 through May 20, 2009. Highlights include *Perspective on Sustainable Resources in America*, edited by Roger Sedjo and *Emissions Trading: Principles and Practice, 2nd edition*,

by T.H. Tietenberg. Visit the RFF Press Earth Day page to [learn more](#).

New Research from RFF

[Alternative Approaches to Cost Containment in a Cap-and-Trade System](#)

[Lot Size, Zoning, and Household Preferences: Impediments to Smart Growth](#)

[Climate Change and Outdoor Recreation Resources](#)

Media Highlights

'Propaganda War' Over Coal Escalates Ahead of Hill Climate Debate

April 20, 2009, *Greenwire*

Ads displayed at Washington subway stops and airing on national television call "clean coal" a myth. Tell that to President Obama, his cabinet secretaries and members of Congress. [Read the full article](#).

Florida vs. the Superbugs

April 8, 2009, *St. Petersburg Times*

MRSA killed Alonzo Smith, an 18-year-old football player from Liberty High School in Kissimmee last September. Smith follows a long line of football players who have been sickened after infection with MRSA, a highly resistant superbug. [Read the full article](#).

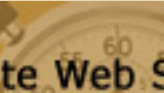
Researcher ^{Spotlight}



Richard Morgenstern focuses on the issue of preserving competitiveness in climate policy regimes. [Watch the video](#).

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