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Reforming Regulation of Food Safety



At a First Wednesday Seminar in early February, RFF convened several top experts in the field to discuss food safety policy and the challenges facing Congress and the Obama Administration in dealing with this issue.

[Audio](#), [video](#), and [transcript](#) are available [here](#).

Pricing Strategies Under Emissions Trading: Does Theory Match Practice?

RFF researchers went into the lab to see if actual pricing behavior in a cap-and-trade system matches the predictions of economic theory. The short answer is that it does, but only after participants gain some experience with the system. [Read the full story](#).

Save the Date

March 19, 2009

[New Principles for U.S. Climate Change Foreign Policy](#)

Weekly Policy Commentary

[The Economics of New Green Technology Investment](#) by Molly Macauley and Jihh-Shyang Shih

Publications



[Climate Change: Top 10 Precepts for U.S. Foreign Policy](#)

Evaluating Outdoor Recreation Resources



RFF recently issued a set of publications evaluating how Americans engage with and value outdoor recreational assets. In support of the bipartisan Outdoor Resources Review Group, RFF is analyzing efforts to conserve and protect the nation's outdoor heritage, including parks, refuges, and open space at federal, state, and local levels. [Read the](#)

[full story.](#)

New Research from RFF

[Comparing Policies to Combat Emissions Leakage: Border Tax Adjustments versus Rebates](#)

[Climate Change and Risk Management: Challenges for Insurance, Adaptation, and Loss Estimation](#)

[User Financing in a National Payments for Environmental Services Program: Costa Rican Hydropower](#)

Media Highlights

Budget Expects Revenue from Limits on Emissions

February 26, 2009, *Washington Post*

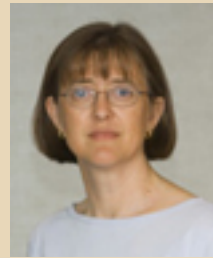
This article about cap and trade cites Senior Fellow Dallas Burtraw's observation that "emission allowances could be the greatest creation of property rights since the 19th-century settlement of the west." [Read the full article.](#)

Fighting Infection

February 24, 2009, Baltimore *Sun*

In this commentary, RFF Senior Fellow Ramanan Laxminarayan and co-author Eli Perencevich of the University of Maryland Medical Center urge regional strategies to curb infections contracted in health-care facilities. [Read the full commentary.](#)

Researcher ^{Spotlight}



Sandra A. Hoffmann points to her background in law and economics as an asset in finding better ways to ensure food safety. [Watch the video.](#)

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