

RFF Connection



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RFF Connection is a monthly 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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Treasury Secretary Paulson on Climate Policy

In remarks at an RFF Policy Leadership Forum January 12, Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson, Jr., endorsed market mechanisms to deal with global climate change and suggested that the U.S. would benefit from a regulatory arrangement that uses price signals to limit carbon dioxide emissions. [Audio](#), [video](#), and [transcript](#) are available [here](#).

The Impact of Pricing Carbon on U.S. Industry

In a broad survey of American industries, researchers at RFF have estimated the impacts on costs and jobs of a climate policy that imposes a price on carbon emissions. While they find the effect on most industries is modest, several energy-intensive industries suffer larger short-term costs that lessen over time. [Read the full story](#).

Save the Date

February 4, 2009

Reforming Regulation of Food Safety

Weekly Policy Commentary

Reflections on Three Decades of Energy Policy

by Phil Sharp

Publications



Climate Change Policy: Role for Earth Observations

Markets for Forest Carbon: New Research Announced



A project to support the integration of forestry policy into emerging markets for greenhouse gas emissions. The [first report](#) from the project provides an examination of the issues facing developing countries in crafting effective policy. [Read the full story.](#)

Global Antibiotic Resistance Partnership Announced

RFF launches a global health initiative to explore ways to slow the spread of resistance to lifesaving antibiotics in developing nations. [Read the full story.](#)

New Research from RFF

[Optimal Energy Efficiency Policies and Regulatory Demand-Side Management Tests: How Well Do They Match?](#)

[Pricing Strategies Under Emissions Trading: An Experimental Analysis](#)

[Agroforestry Price Supports as a Conservation Tool: Mexican Shade Coffee](#)

Media Highlights

Russia and Ukraine's Gas Dispute

January 15, 2009, *Washington Post*

In this letter to the editor, RFF Senior Fellow Joel Darmstadter responds to an opinion piece regarding energy options for Europe. [Read the full letter.](#)

Making a Treaty: The Senate's Role

January 8, 2009, *New York Times*

In this letter to the editor, RFF visiting scholar Nigel Purvis explores the benefits of forging bipartisan climate policy through Congressional-executive agreements rather than treaties. [Read the full letter.](#)

Researcher Spotlight



Karen L. Palmer

summarizes her research on pollutant emissions from electrical generating plants, and efforts to regulate them. [Watch the video.](#)

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