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State-Federal Climate Roles: Bridging the Gaps



An RFF policy conference looks at ways to accommodate new federal climate initiatives and existing state-level policies – and avoid imposition of pre-emptive actions by overlapping jurisdictions. [Event agenda and presentation slides](#) are available here.

Policy Options for Addressing Greenhouse Gas 'Leakage'

RFF Senior Fellow Carolyn Fischer and the International Trade Commission's Alan Fox examine the challenges of designing policies to limit leakage of greenhouse gas emissions overseas that are both effective and consistent with international trade regimes. [Read the full story.](#)

Save the Date

March 31, 2009

[Reforming Regulatory Impact Analysis: A Briefing on a New Report](#)

Weekly Policy Commentary

[Has the Time Come for Truck-Only Toll Lanes?](#) by [Robin Lindsey](#)

Publications



[International Forest Carbon in Congress: A Survey of Key Congressional Staff](#)

Upgrading the U.S. Grid - and Beyond



As the nation begins a long-term overhaul of the electricity transmission networks and seeks to move toward wider use of renewable energy, RFF researchers focus on the policy implications, tradeoffs, and potential benefits. [Read the full story.](#)

New Research from RFF

[Improving Flood Insurance and Flood Risk Management: Insights From St. Louis, Missouri](#)

[Earth Observations in Social Science Research for Management of Natural Resources and the Environment](#)

[A Symmetric Safety Valve](#)

Media Highlights

Carbon Footprints are Tricky to Track

March 14, 2009, *Wall Street Journal*

The truth is that while there is some variation in the carbon intensity of consumption across states, it is orders of magnitude smaller than what the editorial claims, thus severely overstating the degree to which cap and trade will burden some states and benefit others. [Read the full letter.](#)

Obama Cuts Funds to Nuclear Waste Repository

March 11, 2009, *National Public Radio*

President Obama has lived up to a campaign promise by cutting off most funds to develop Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as a nuclear waste repository. That leaves the fate of nuclear waste, currently stored at sites throughout the United States, in limbo. [Read the full article.](#)

Researcher ^{Spotlight}



Dallas Burtraw reviews efforts by states and regions in the U.S. to enact policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. [Watch the video.](#)

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