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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.

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New Directions for Managing Our Ecosystems



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.](#)

Producing Energy from Farm Waste

RFF researchers explored policy options to encourage production of electricity from agricultural waste. They point to market incentives to promote capture of methane from manure, thus enabling farms to generate power, reduce effluence, and provide climate and health benefits. [Read the full feature here.](#)

Save the Date

June 3, 2009

[Visualizing Our Relationship with Natural Resources and the Environment](#)

Weekly Policy Commentary

[The Cooling Water Intake Structures Rule: An Experiment with More Flexible Regulation](#) by [Winston Harrington](#)

Publications



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Safety Valve, Price Collars, and Banking and Borrowing



RFF Fellow Harrison Fell and Senior Fellow Richard Morgenstern assess some of the leading options to manage costs in a cap-and-trade system and find potentially large efficiency gains. [Read the full feature here.](#)

New Research from RFF

[Designing Climate Mitigation Policy](#)

[Let's Turn CAFE Regulation on Its Head](#)

[Energy Efficiency Economics and Policy](#)

Media Highlights

Some See Energy Bill Helping Money Grow on Trees

May 11, 2009, *Greenwire*

In a story on efforts by timber and paper companies to influence energy legislation on Capitol Hill, RFF Senior Fellow Roger Sedjo comments on how "green offsets" for commercially valuable trees could enhance the role of the industry as a caretaker of natural resources. [Read the full article.](#)

Putting a Price on Smart Power

April 27, 2009, National Public Radio

RFF Fellow Shalini Vajjhala describes the hard trade-offs involved in building an "intelligent" electrical power network in a ten-part National Public Radio series on the challenges of upgrading the U.S. electricity grid. [Read the full article.](#)

Researcher ^{Spotlight}



Karen Palmer summarizes her research on pollutant emissions from electrical generating plants, and efforts to regulate them.

[Watch the video.](#)

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