

Highlights of RFF's Recent Contributions

to Shaping Environmental Policy

Deepwater Drilling: One Year Later

May 16

William Reilly, former EPA administrator and co-chairman of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, discussed the future of deepwater drilling at RFF's Policy Leadership Forum.



ENGAGING WITH CONGRESS

Jobs and the Economy

February 15

RFF Visiting Scholar Randall Lutter testified on environmental regulation, the economy, and jobs before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

Deepwater Drilling Technologies

April 5

RFF Vice President for Research and Senior Fellow Molly Macauley testified on offshore drilling safety and response technologies before the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment.

Clean Energy Standard

April 11

RFF scholars responded to questions posed by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the development of a clean energy standard (CES).

June 20

RFF Senior Fellow Karen Palmer presented the impacts of various clean energy standard options at "A Cleaner Way to Power?", a bipartisan congressional briefing hosted by the offices of Reps. Edward Whitfield (R-KY) and Bobby Rush (D-IL).

CONVENING THOUGHT LEADERS

Deepwater Drilling: Looking Back

April 6

Richard Lazarus, executive director of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, presented an overview of the commission's report and RFF's contributions at an RFF First Wednesday seminar.

Regulation at Independent Agencies

April 7

RFF hosted a conference on using economic analysis to improve policy at independent regulatory agencies. Several former OMB, FTC, and FCC administrators participated,

including Alice Rivlin, Sally Katzen, and J. Howard Beales, among others.

Adapting to Climate Change

June 1

At the June First Wednesday seminar, RFF experts presented the results of a major study on policy options for the federal government's role in climate adaptation, titled *Reforming Institutions and Managing Extremes: U.S. Policy Approaches for Adapting to a Changing Climate*.

Saving the Antarctic

June 15

Renowned polar explorer, environmental leader, and motivational speaker Robert Swan (OBE) shared his passion about the environment and experiences from the past 25 years at RFF's Policy Leadership Forum. See page 16 for coverage of this event.

Energy Policies and Markets

June 21

RFF and the University of Chicago hosted, in Washington, the second annual Energy Policy Symposium. The topic of this year's conference was Market Responses and the Effectiveness of Energy Policies.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Global Climate Policy

May 24

In Milan, RFF President Phil Sharp addressed the U.S. role in global climate policymaking at an event sponsored by the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, which awarded RFF the 20th Anniversary FEEM Prize in Environmental Economics.

Natural Gas Development

May 24

Alan Krupnick, director of RFF's Center for Energy Economics and Policy, participated in a National Press Club Newsmak-

ers Committee panel on the challenges, impacts, and need for natural gas drilling.

June 27

RFF President Phil Sharp participated in a panel discussion on MIT's new report, *The Future of Natural Gas*, at the Brookings Institution.

Energy and Electricity

July 3

RFF President Phil Sharp chaired this year's Aspen Energy Policy Forum, "Changing Currents: Turbulence for the Electricity Industry?"

A Book Note by RFF Senior Fellow Joel Darmstadter



Emery Castle, whose terms as vice president and president of Resources for the Future (1976–79 and 1979–86, respectively) represented an important phase in a distinguished academic career, shares his experiences and insights

in a new autobiography, *Reflections of a Pragmatic Economist: My Intellectual Journey* (Oregon State University Press, 2010). Emery's research and writings focused in particular on the economics of rural and agricultural development. At RFF, he not only contended with a wide range of natural resource and environmental issues but also helped chart a course for the then-25-year-old institution as it faced the challenges of newly emerging research needs, policy concerns, and the financial means to address them. Emery's account of his university and RFF years is told with a blend of analytical insight and humanity that will resonate knowingly with his many friends and professional colleagues.