

Highlights of RFF's Recent Contributions to Shaping Environmental Policy

Flood Risk Management

September 14

In this seminar presented by RFF and the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Netherlands' Delta Commissioner Wim Kuijken offered thoughts on what his country has learned about floodplain and flood risk management. He also discussed new policies his country is adopting. Other panelists provided commentary in the context of U.S. issues and emerging policy options going forward. www.rff.org/FloodRisk



CONVENING THOUGHT LEADERS

Census of Marine Life

October 4

At this seminar, RFF University Fellow Jesse H. Ausubel, vice president of programs at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and director of the Program for the Human Environment at The Rockefeller University in New York City, offered the most comprehensive and authoritative answer yet to one of humanity's most ancient questions: "what lives in the sea?" www.rff.org/MarineCensus

Creative Financing for Energy Efficiency

October 5

Panelists at this First Wednesday seminar discussed the role that financing can play in improving the energy efficiency of buildings and offered insights on the importance of

financing as a tool for closing the energy-efficiency gap. They addressed opportunities for private financing and evaluated recent government initiatives.

www.rff.org/Financing

How Climate Change Impacts Voting

October 14

RFF University Fellow Jon Krosnick, of Stanford University, presented the results of a new study examining whether candidates' positions on climate change policy have influenced their electoral success.

www.rff.org/Voting

Sustainable Forest Products

November 2

Panelists at this First Wednesday seminar discussed the impacts of illegal logging,

the changing regulatory regime, and tools available to help avoid buying illegal forest products. www.rff.org/ForestProducts

Risks of Shale Gas

November 14

RFF's Center for Energy Economics and Policy hosted a public launch of a new initiative to identify the priority risks associated with shale gas development and recommend strategies for responsible development. Turn to page 16 to read more about this initiative. www.rff.org/ShaleGasRisks

Greenhouse Gas Regulation under the Clean Air Act

December 7

At this First Wednesday seminar, speakers discussed Clean Air Act rules and regulations as pathways for climate policy in the absence of congressional action. The three panelists presented results of recent RFF research on how such regulations would affect power plants in particular. www.rff.org/GHG

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Clean Energy Standard (CES)

July 27

RFF's Center for Climate and Electricity Policy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency co-hosted a workshop to present current analysis of CES policies—drawing upon recent empirical modeling and conceptual thinking by RFF, other independent and government research institutions, industry, and various stakeholders. www.rff.org/CES

Shale Gas and Groundwater

September 27

RFF Fellow Sheila Olmstead discussed RFF's new research on managing the risks of shale gas development at the Groundwater Protection Council Annual Forum.

Energy Policy Options

September 28

Alan Krupnick, director of RFF's Center for Energy Economics and Policy, presented at an event in Portugal co-sponsored by the Universidade de Coimbra and the U.S. Embassy in Portugal.

Carbon Tax

October 18

RFF's Center for Climate and Electricity Policy and the Peterson Institute for International Economics co-hosted a workshop to discuss the design, implications, and prospects of a federal carbon tax. www.rff.org/CarbonTax

Climate Economics and Policy

October 27

This conference, presented by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and RFF, with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, brought together a group of research economists and policy leaders to take stock and help provide guidelines for future climate policy. www.rff.org/NextRound

Climate and Energy

November 9

RFF President Phil Sharp and other experts discussed critical energy and climate challenges as part of the launch of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, the successor to the Pew Center on Global Climate Change.

Environmental Infrastructure

November 10

RFF, in partnership with the University of Maryland and TU Berlin/DIW Berlin, hosted the Fifth Annual Trans-Atlantic INFRADAY Conference on Applied Infrastructure Modeling and Policy Analysis, focusing on the environmental impacts of infrastructure. ●