

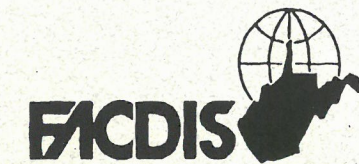
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### PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, March 17

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11:45 am - 1:45 pm    **Lunch:**    City Club of Washington  
555 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Concourse Level

**Speaker:**    Hilary F. French, Vice President for Research,  
Worldwatch Institute  
*The U.S. and International Environmental Concerns*

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2:15 - 3:15 pm    **Meeting:**    U.S. Senate  
Dirksen Office Building, Room 468

**Speaker:**    Chris Miller, Professional Staff, Committee for  
Environmental Protection and Public Works  
*Smart Growth*

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3:45 - 5:00 pm    **Meeting:**    U.S. House of Representatives,  
Longworth House Office Building, Room 1327

**Speaker:**    Elizabeth Megginson, Majority Chief Counsel,  
Committee on Resources  
*Conservation and Endangered Species Act*

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THURSDAY, March 18

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9:00 - 10:00 am    **Meeting:**    Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Ronald Reagan Building, Pennsylvania Avenue  
and 13<sup>th</sup> Street

**Speaker:**    Alan B. Sielen, Deputy Assistant Administrator,  
Office of International Activities  
*Improving the Global Environment:  
International Environment Policy*

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THURSDAY, March 18

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10:15 am - 11:30 am	<b>Meeting:</b>	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
	<b>Speaker:</b>	N. Phillip Ross, Chief Statistician, Center for Environmental Information & Statistics (CEIS) <i>CEIS: A One-Stop Source of Environmental Information</i>

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11:45 am - 1:45 pm	<b>Lunch:</b>	City Club of Washington 555 13 <sup>th</sup> Street NW
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Karen Florini, Director of Health Project Environmental Defense Fund <i>Regulation by Revelation: The Chemical Scorecard</i>

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2:15 - 3:15 pm	<b>Meeting:</b>	World Resources Institute 10 G Street, NE, Suite 800
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Anthony Janetos, Senior Vice President for Programs <i>Climate Change Impacts in the U.S.: Science and Policy</i>

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3:45 - 4:45 pm	<b>Meeting:</b>	Resources for the Future 1616 P St., NW
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Paul R. Portney, Senior Fellow & President <i>Environmental Economics: Counting the Cost</i>

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FRIDAY, March 19

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8:45 - 10:00 am	<b>Meeting:</b>	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue SW
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Allan Hoffman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Power Technologies <i>Sustainable Energy Strategy: Clean and Secure Energy for a Competitive Economy</i>

FRIDAY, March 19

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10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Meeting:</b>	U.S. State Department, 2201 C Street NW Room 7835
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Melinda Kimble, Acting Assistant Secretary for Oceans & International Environmental and Scientific Affairs <i>Global Climate Change Issues</i>

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12:30 - 2:30 pm	<b>Lunch:</b>	City Club of Washington, 555 13 <sup>th</sup> Street NW
	<b>Speaker:</b>	Rohit Khanna, Head of Programme, UN Environment Programme, Global Environmental Facility (GEF) <i>The Role of UNEP and the GEF in Protecting the Global Environment</i>

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#### GUIDE TO SPEAKERS

**Karen L. Florini** (J.D., Harvard University)  
Toxic Chemicals Program Attorney, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

EDF is guided by the scientific evaluation of environmental problems and seeks solutions based on science. Before joining EDF, Ms. Florini spent three years as an attorney in the Justice Department's Land and Natural Resources Division. At Harvard, she was Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Environmental Law Review. Today, with EDF, her main focus is the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the principal Federal law governing management of hazardous waste. Her work involves monitoring EPA's implementation of RCRA and suing the agency when it fails to meet statutory requirements. As the principal author of EDF's report revealing health risks associated with lead poisoning among children in the U.S., she acted as the catalyst for Congressional hearings on this subject.

**Hilary F. French** (M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy)  
Vice President for Research, Worldwatch Institute

Worldwatch, a research organization that analyzes global environmental and development issues, is best known for its annual *State of the World* reports. Seven such reports have been co-authored by Ms. French. Her many articles and books deal with those international institutions working toward sustainable development and with the interface between environmental issues and economic policy-making. Her environmental expertise has resulted in her testifying before Congress, lecturing at numerous universities around the world, and being interviewed by various radio/TV and print media. She currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Alliance for U.N. Sustainable Development Programs. Hilary French represented the Worldwatch Institute at the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), held in Rio de Janeiro during 1992, as well as at the U.N. negotiating rounds that preceded the 1992 Earth Summit.



**Allan Hoffman** (Ph.D., Brown University)

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Power Technologies, Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

A physicist by training, Dr. Hoffman came to Washington, DC in 1974 as a Congressional Fellow of the American Physical Society. Since that time he has served in a variety of positions as a scientist in Congressional offices and government agencies, as well as serving as Executive Director of the Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy, a joint unit of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and Institute of Medicine. In the 1980s he also served as Executive Director of the National Research Council's Office of Government and External Affairs. At the U.S. Department of Energy since 1990, he has served as Associate and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Utility Technologies in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Dr. Hoffman has managed a \$300 million RD & D program, with responsibility for renewable electric technologies (solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, hydropower, ocean) and related enabling technologies.

**Anthony Janetos** (Ph.D., Princeton University)

Senior Vice President for Programs, World Resources Institute (WRI)

Dr. Janetos, a biologist, joined WRI in January of this year, and is charged with overseeing the development, and insuring the quality, of WRI's research programs. Prior to joining WRI, he was Senior Scientist for the Land-Cover and Land-Use Change Program in NASA's Office of Earth Science, and was Program Scientist for the Landsat 7 mission. He brings to WRI many years of experience in managing scientific research programs on a variety of ecological and environmental topics, including air pollution effects on forests, climate change impacts, land-use change, eco-system modeling, and the global carbon cycle. Dr. Janetos is currently co-chair of the U.S. National Assessment of the Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change, and a lead author in the IPCC Special Report on Land-Use Change and Forestry.

**Rohit Khanna** (M.P.A., American University)

Global Environment Facility (GEF) Liaison Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

In addition to its global headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) operates six regional offices, one of which is located in New York City. The Global Environment Facility (GEF) – an auxiliary three-year fund of \$2 billion to finance environmental activities in developing countries relating to topics of global concern: biodiversity, climate change, ozone depletion, and international waters -- has a liaison office in Washington. As GEF Liaison Officer, Rohit Khanna is responsible for UNEP's relations with the GEF Secretariat, as well as the World Bank, UNDP, the scientific and NGO communities, and GEF Council Members in the development and implementation of UNEP's GEF program. Mr. Khanna is a national of India and worked previously for the Save the Children Federation in Bhutan.

**Melinda Kimble** (M.A., Harvard University)

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), U.S. Department of State

The State Department's OES develops and implements U.S. policy on international science and technology, fisheries, oceans, and global environmental issues. Melinda Kimble is a career Foreign Service Officer, joining the Department of State in 1971. Before coming to the OES, she served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO), where she oversaw policy on economic and social issues at the United Nations. In this capacity, she developed American negotiating strategies for the Cairo, Copenhagen, and Beijing U.N. Conferences. Among recognitions received by Ms. Kimble are the State Department's Meritorious, Superior, and Distinguished Honors, a Presidential Performance Award, an award from the Global Alliance for Women's Health, and an International Honor Award from the Department of Agriculture. Her foreign languages are Arabic and French.

**Elizabeth Megginson** (J.D., Louisiana State University)

Majority Chief Counsel, Committee on Resources, U.S. House of Representatives

For the last three years Elizabeth Megginson has worked as Chief Counsel for the majority party of the House Committee on Resources, with its subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans. The subcommittee's broad jurisdiction includes research, management, conservation, and investigatory authority over the range of issues germane to fisheries, wildlife, and oceans. Previously, she served Congressman Don Young of Alaska, Chairman of the House Committee on Resources, with primary responsibility for the Endangered Species Act. Her Federal experience also includes four years as Staff Director and Counsel to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Navigation of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Before coming to Washington, she held a variety of environmental positions in Louisiana, including: Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Enforcement Section of Lands and Natural Resources; and, Counsel to the Louisiana House Committee on Natural Resources.

**Chris Miller** (M.S., University of Michigan)

Professional Staff Member, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate

As a recent addition to the professional staff of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Chris Miller oversees a portfolio of issues that include air quality, climate change, environmental technology, and sustainable development. Prior to joining this committee, he spent nine years as legislative assistant to Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, focusing on environmental and natural resource questions. Specific projects included contaminated sediments remediation, Great Lakes air and water quality, and forestry budget and policy. Other relevant experiences include work for the Midwest Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste and the Great Lakes Commission.



**Paul R. Portney (Ph. D., Northwestern University)**  
President and Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future

Resources for the Future (RFF) is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization conducting independent research--rooted primarily in economics and other social sciences--on environmental and natural resource issues. An economist, Paul Portney has directed the efforts of RFF as its President since 1995. He first joined the research staff of RFF in 1972, and subsequently became a senior fellow and director of two of RFF's research divisions: the Quality of Environment division and the Center for Risk Management division. He served six years as Vice President at RFF before becoming President. Dr. Portney has also taught at Berkeley and Princeton Universities, served as chief economist at the Council on Environmental Quality in the Executive Office of the President, and chaired the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee of the U.S. Environmental Economics Advisory Committee of the EPA's Science Advisory Board. The author or co-author of ten books dealing with economics and environmental issues, his most recent RFF book is *Discounting and Intergenerational Equity*.

**N. Phillip Ross (Ph.D., University of Maryland)**  
Chief Statistician, Center for Environmental Information and Statistics,  
Environmental Protection Agency

Dr. Ross has worked as a statistician with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency since 1980 and is presently the Chief Statistician for the Agency's Center for Environmental Information and Statistics. In addition to his appointment with the EPA, Dr. Ross is Adjunct Professor of Statistics at American University and Adjunct Professor of Biostatistics at the Cornell University School of Medicine.

**Alan B. Sielen (M.A., Johns Hopkins University)**  
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of International Activities,  
Environmental Protection Agency

In his role as Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Activities, Mr. Sielen directs EPA participation in a wide range of bilateral and multilateral programs on the protection of the global environment, and also serves on the EPA Senior Leadership Council. He has major responsibilities for promoting U.S. environmental cooperation with international organizations and with key countries around the world such as Russia, China, South Africa, and Poland. He has served as U.S. representative to numerous international conferences on the environment. As head of a U.S. delegation to the OECD Environmental Policy Committee and senior representative to various United Nations expert bodies, he has played an important role in advancing environmental protection and sustainable development worldwide. Mr. Sielen is recognized as a leading international expert on the protection of the global marine environment. As a senior U.S. negotiator, he has been a key figure in shaping the present generation of international law on the protection of the oceans.