



The Role of Offsets as a Cost Containment Mechanism in a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Program

A Briefing to the House Climate Change Caucus

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Where: 2325 Rayburn House Office Building
(Science Committee Hearing Room)

This briefing will discuss the role of offsets in a greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program and the Congressional debate on cost containment of such a program. Panelists will explore how a greenhouse gas emission reduction program which creates the market opportunity for generating and purchasing offset allowances can help the U.S. move more quickly and cost-effectively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across a broad spectrum of the economy.

Program

I. Opening and Objectives

Ruth McCormick, Senior Policy Associate, Business Council for Sustainable Energy

II. Offsets as a Cost Containment Mechanism

Reid Harvey, Branch Chief, Climate Change Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

III. Ensuring Integrity in Offset Programs

Ron Luhur, Carbon Markets Specialist, Environmental Defense Fund (invited)

IV. Offsets as a Driver for Technology Deployment and Economic Development

Marisa Buchanan, Associate Director, Carbon Markets, Econergy

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