

Introduction

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We are pleased to introduce the eighth volume of *Environmental and Energy Policy and the Economy (EEPE)*. The six papers herein were initially presented at an annual conference hosted by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The aim of the *EEPE* initiative is to spur policy-relevant research and professional interactions in the areas of environmental and energy economics and policy. Conference participants included a range of individuals from academia, government, and nongovernmental organizations.

In what follows, Daniel Bressler and Goeffrey Heal analyze different approaches for valuing mortality caused by climate change. Joeseeph Aldy, Michael Toffel, Alison Ong, and Lavender Yang consider the challenges associated with evaluating voluntary corporate emissions targets in the context of different emissions-related public policies. Richard Revesz, Burçin Ünel, and Sarah Weaton discuss the importance of accounting for heterogeneity in benefit-cost analysis. Mark Dickie and Matthew Neidell develop a practical framework for valuing morbidity in environmental policy analysis. Jonathan Hawkins-Pierot and Katherine Wagner investigate the importance of distinguishing between average and marginal energy prices and the implications for climate policy. Finally, Michael Fioretti, Kavanaugh FitzPatrick, and Alessandro Iaria examine the environmental costs of economic sanctions, focused on gas flaring and venting in Venezuela.

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