

Briefing Notice

Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization in the United States

Friday, November 22, 2019 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Room 2237, Rayburn House Office Building

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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing on key information and recommendations from the report, Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization in the United States. Legal Pathways is based on two reports by the Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project that explain technical and policy approaches to reducing U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. This 80x50 target and similarly aggressive carbon abatement goals are often referred to as deep decarbonization, as they require systemic changes to the energy economy.

This playbook for deep decarbonization in the United States identifies well over 1,000 options that are achievable in the United States using laws that exist or could be enacted. While both the scale and complexity of deep decarbonization are enormous, these legal tools can be employed with significant economic, social, environmental, and national security benefits.

Briefing panelists, including editors and contributing authors to the report, will discuss how the report can be useful to Congressional offices crafting climate change policies.

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- Peter Lehner, Managing Attorney, EarthJustice | @p lehner
- Monica Lamb, Clean Energy Lawyer

The report covers a range of topics, from technological innovations and carbon pricing to modernizing the transportation and building sectors. Legal Pathways reviews all forms of renewable energy as well as energy transmission, distribution, and storage. This briefing will focus specifically on recommendations for the transportation and agriculture sectors as well as on large-scale financing for deep decarbonization across sectors.

This event is free and open to the public.

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