



Briefing Notice

From Ambition to Action: State Capacity and the Next Era of Environmental Policy

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 • 3:00 - 4:30 PM EST

Reception to follow

Rayburn House Office Building (RHOB 2075)

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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) and the [Center for Regulatory Ingenuity](#) at the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) invite you to a briefing about how states can lay the foundation for a new era of federal environmental policy that is effective, durable, and popular. Public trust in government is at [historic lows](#). To restore it, governments must demonstrate they can deliver on everyday issues like affordable housing and reliable energy—as well as on long-term challenges like extreme weather and grid resilience. In some cases, outdated processes make it hard for agencies to implement even the best-designed policies.

This briefing will delineate the components of a durable environmental policy framework, including effective institutional design, a climate-ready workforce, strong public participation and stakeholder engagement, streamlined administrative processes, and outcomes-oriented program delivery. Panelists will also discuss how new policies can address capacity and implementation challenges for both near-term and longer-term legislative priorities. The briefing will be followed by a reception.

Speakers for this session include:

- ▶ **Loren DeJonge Schulman**, Director for Government Capacity, Federation of American Scientists
- ▶ **Laurel Blatchford**, Director, Delivery Associates
- ▶ **James-Christian Blockwood**, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration
- ▶ **Robert Shea**, CEO, GovNavigators



This event is free and open to the public.

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