

UKNEE Seminar Announcement
UK Network of Environmental Economists 2009 Seminar Series

**Meeting Carbon Budgets - the need for a step change
and
the opportunity to use a mix of instruments**

Tuesday, 3rd November 2009
5.45 pm for 6.15 pm start

The London School of Economics and Political Science
Room H102, Connaught House
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On 12 October, the Committee on Climate Change published its first progress report to Parliament on UK progress towards meeting carbon budgets. Entitled “Meeting Carbon Budgets - the need for a step change”, the report describes the monitoring approach the Committee intends to use to assess future progress; looks at how the pace of emission reduction 2003-07 compares with required reductions going forward; discusses the impact of the recession on emissions; and presents updated assessments of potential for emission savings in power generation, the residential sector and road transport. UKNEE is pleased to have Adrian Gault, the Chief Economist of the Committee, join us for this seminar to summarise the key points from the report and the accompanying analysis.

The future climate policy will require changes to many other sector-based or economy wide-policies; and addressing policy targets will require the use of a mix of environmental policy instruments. For example, one instrument may be used to reduce overall emissions of a pollutant while another is used to address specific seasonal concerns. UKNEE is pleased to have Jessica Coria, a Research Fellow at University of Gothenburg, present her work on the ways in which the interaction between a tradable permits scheme and direct seasonal regulations can affect the rate of adoption of new and advanced abatement technologies.

Guest Speakers

Adrian Gault is Chief Economist in the secretariat of the Committee on Climate Change, where he is responsible for analytical work looking at UK greenhouse gas emission reduction potential and costs. He joined the CCC in May 2009 from the Department for Transport. Prior to this he has substantial experience of energy and environmental issues as an economist in the Energy Group at DTI (now part of DECC) and in the Treasury tax team.

Jessica Coria is a research fellow at the Environmental Economic Unit, University of Gothenburg. Her main research interests lie in the unintended impacts of the interaction of multiple environmental policies, tradable permits in less developed countries and effects of the choice of environmental policies on the rate of adoption of new technologies.

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