

Study Questions, Week 11

Topics for the Week:

Air & Water Pollution

Readings for the Week:

Ringquist, Evan J. 1993. Does regulation matter? Evaluating the effects of state air pollution control programs. *Journal of Politics* 55(4):1022–1045.

Hockenstein, Jeremy B., Robert N. Stavins, and Bradley W. Whitehead. 1997. Crafting the next generation of market-based environmental tools. *Environment* 39(4):12–33.

Questions:

- (1) Distinguish the “top-down” and the “bottom-up” approaches to environmental policy implementation. Under what conditions is each approach most appropriate? What factors might facilitate or impede effective policy implementation?
- (2) What sorts of variables might be important to consider in evaluating a policy outcome?
- (3) Does regulation matter? Explain.
- (4) What is meant by *market-based tools*? Describe five types of market-based environmental instruments and provide examples of specific market-based tools, and explain how they operate.
- (5) What are some of the advantages of market-based approaches to environmental management? What are some of the drawbacks?
- (6) Who benefits most from market-based policy instruments?
- (7) Do you think we’ll see more market-based environmental management in the future? In what ways might market-based approaches be adopted to deal with emerging environmental issues?