

Insist that congressmen push for carbon fees

Kudos for the article on Hal Wanless' sea-level rise projections, "[Dr. Doom on the future of NJ's barrier islands](#)." Many newspapers, like my Boston Globe, report local impacts from sea-level rise. But reporters often are flummoxed by varying projections for sea rise before 2100. The Press article highlighted the essentials:

"When you hear of climate change advocates urging adoption of clean energy, the reason ... is to prevent further sea level rise for future generations."

"Politicians need to be more resolute in holding firm to what the science and math says."

True. It may be too late to prevent sea rise of 3 to 5 feet by 2100, but it's not too late to prevent sea rise of 20 to 200 feet thereafter. It's our era's moral obligation to protect future generations. If we don't take essential actions, it will be too late for them to stop sea rise.

Morally, we must cut emissions quickly, deeply and in an orderly fashion. If politicians can't face this truth, then they should resign, and let courageous people lead.

Exxon met with Houston Chronicle editors to explain why Exxon wants Congress to charge them carbon fees. Charging fossil fuel companies fees based on their products' carbon is the best, least chaotic, method to cut emissions.

Companies rarely proclaim "Tax us!" Readers should insist that N.J. congressmen Chris Smith and Frank Pallone sponsor carbon fees and distribute revenues to the public.

"Sea walls, levees, beach replenishment ... are just Band-Aids that divert money and effort away from more worthy uses" — without first enacting carbon fees.

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