



School of Energy Resources
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WELCOME TO THE **CENTER FOR ENERGY REGULATION & POLICY ANALYSIS**

The newly launched Center for Energy Regulation & Policy Analysis (CERPA) is one of the Centers of Excellence sponsored by the School of Energy Resources (SER) at the University of Wyoming. Drawing upon interdisciplinary energy law, policy, technology and economic experts on and off campus, CERPA conducts world-class analyses with the goal of developing effective and pragmatic energy policies to benefit the State of Wyoming, the intermountain west region and the United States.

CERPA was founded in 2020 to respond to the energy challenges and opportunities facing the State of Wyoming. As a major producer and exporter of energy, Wyoming's economy is influenced by a multitude of international, national, regional and state energy policies. CERPA assesses these policies with the goal of benefiting the State of Wyoming and its citizens.

CERPA's work is funded by federal grants, private foundation awards and State of Wyoming appropriations.

CERPA is co-located with SER in the Energy Innovation Center on the Laramie campus. For more information, see CERPA's web site at **UWYO.EDU/CERPA**.

STAFFING:

CERPA draws upon interdisciplinary expertise across the UW campus in disciplines such as energy policy, economics, law, engineering, techno-economic assessments and energy transition studies. We employ student researchers, and also anticipate collaborating with colleagues at other research institutes around the world.

CERPA's staff is growing. This fall, supported by federal grants, we anticipate hiring two energy research fellows. A third energy research fellow may follow later this year. Future job opportunities will be posted on the CERPA web site.

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RESEARCH UNDERWAY

In collaboration with stakeholders, CERPA has developed – and is in the midst of implementing – a research plan. The research plan is focused on topics of importance to the State of Wyoming. For example, CERPA is currently conducting the following analyses:

1. an assessment of H.B. 200, Wyoming’s new law that imposes low-carbon requirements on certain coal-fired power plants in the state; and
2. a case study of coal plant retirement policies in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Planned future analyses include:

1. regional deployment of carbon capture, utilization & storage (CCUS) technology and infrastructure (e.g., expansion of Wyoming’s carbon dioxide pipeline network);
2. economic potential of Wyoming’s natural resources;
3. state low-carbon policies impacting exports of Wyoming energy; and
4. new federal energy policies that may impact Wyoming.

Research results will be communicated via a variety of means, including but not limited to the CERPA web site, peer-reviewed publications and briefings for Wyoming stakeholders.

CERPA also supports SER’s federally funded research. For example, the CERPA Director is a co-principal investigator on the University of Wyoming’s major CCUS project in Gillette, known as “Wyoming CarbonSAFE.”



ENERGY SYMPOSIUM

CERPA intends to co-sponsor a virtual economics and law energy symposium on Saturday, June 5, 2021 that will focus on energy policy and regulatory topics of critical importance to the State of Wyoming. A call for academic papers will be posted on the CERPA website shortly.

CERPA/SER is also a co-sponsor, along with the College of Law’s Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies, of the 2021 Landscape Discussion on Energy Law & Policy in the Rockies conference that will take place in Laramie in October of 2021.

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