Syllabus

I 8/26-8/28  Introduction to the course and the material
Norman Vig and Michael Kraft, eds., Environmental Policies in the 1990s, Chapter 1 (This book is required)
David Howard Davis, Energy Politics, Introduction (This book is required)

The Public Policy Perspective

II 9/2-9/4  Energy Policy: Traditional (Fossil) Fuels: History and Politics
Davis, Chapters 2-5

III 9/9-9/11  Environmental Policy and Policy-Making
Vig and Kraft, Chapters 4, 6 and 8.
Anthony Downs, "Up and Down with Ecology: The 'Issue-Attention' Cycle", The Public Interest, 28 (1972), 38-50. (This is the first article in the required reader).

The Political Economy Perspective

IV 9/16-9/18  Introduction to Political Economy of Energy and the Environment
Reprise on Davis Chapter 3 (Oil)

V 9/23-9/25  Oil and the American Century
Prof. Rochlin will be away this week. Two oil videos will be shown, along with handouts on the politics of oil.
If you have not read the history of oil before, John Blair, The Control of Oil (New York: Vintage, 1978), remains the historical classic. Anthony Sampson, The Seven Sisters is adequate. There are several newer books as well. A list will be passed out in class.

VI 9/30-10/2  Does Politics+ Economics = Political Economy ?
Vig and Kraft, Chapters 9, 15, 16

Organizing for (In)Action

VII 10/7-10/9  Organizations and Their Politics I: Organizing for the Environment (The CAA and EPA)
Gary Bryner, Blue Skies, Green Politics, excerpts from pp. 96-134.
Vig and Kraft, Chapters 7 and 8.
XI 10/14 (Tuesday) Mid-Term Examination

10/16 Organizations and Politics II: Organizing for Energy
Davis, Chapter 6.

Insiders and Outsiders

IX 10/21-10/23 Nuclear Power and the Search for Alternatives (Possible guest lecture on renewables)

X 10/28-10/30 Experts, Intervenors, and Protest Movements
Vig and Kraft, Ch. 11 (Environmental Justice)
An Their Back Yard, @he Economist, 17 May 1997, p. 31.
Sheila Jasanoff, @he Dilemma of Environmental Democracy, @ssues in Science and Technology, 13, No. 1 (Fall 1996), 63-70.

Regulation, Deregulation, Re-regulation (CAA, Electricity)

XI 11/4-11/6 Regulation: History, Theory, Practice
Vig and Kraft, Chapters 8 and 16 (reprise), Chapters 9 and 10.
James Q. Wilson, "The Dead Hand of Regulation," The Public Interest, 25 (Fall 1971), pp. 54-78.
The Economist, editorial on the US and regulation (August 1997).

XII 11/11-11/13 Four Models of the Regulatory Process: (I) - Command and Control vs. Markets
(Something on offsets overseas .. To come)
XIII 11/18-11/20 Four Models of the Regulatory Process (II) - Mandates and Social Negotiation
(Something on biological diversity .. To come).

XIV 11/25 Deregulation of Electric Utilities (possible guest lecture??)
Readings to come.
11/27 THANKSGIVING

XV 12/2-12/4 REVIEW and SUMMARY (And What About Global Warming?)