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Joseph Goffman is the Associate Assistant Administrator for Climate and Senior Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Goffman joined the agency in 2009, and during his tenure he has worked on the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, the New Source Performance Standards for the oil and gas sector, the Carbon Pollution Standards for Power Plants, the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, and related climate change and air quality rules. Mr. Goffman also serves as one of the senior agency officials implementing President Obama's Climate Action Plan. Prior to joining EPA, Mr. Goffman served as Majority Senior Counsel to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) and Legislative Director to Senator Joe Lieberman. Earlier in his career, which included stints first as Associate Counsel on EPW and then as a section chief in EPA's Acid Rain Division, Mr. Goffman played a key role in developing and drafting the landmark Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the implementing rules, which established, among other things, the first U.S. "cap and trade" program for air pollution. Mr. Goffman, who has held leadership positions in the NGO community, received his J.D. from Yale Law School and graduated from Yale College. He and his wife live in Washington, DC; the couple has three children.