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We argue that the imposition of administrative boundaries on a policy domain has the potential to exacerbate cooperation and coordination dilemmas conditional on the extent to which these boundaries either dissect natural environmental borders or introduce heterophily (i.e., the extent to which stakeholders are different from each other in a policy domain). We test our expectations using a newly constructed dataset of U.S. state regional offices charged with water pollution control responsibilities. The subjects of the analysis are about 6,000 major water pollution sources regulated under the U.S. Clean Water Act for which we have detailed historical data on compliance and regulatory activity.



David Konisky is an associate professor in the School of Public & Environmental Affairs at IU. Konisky's research focuses on American politics and public policy, with particular emphasis on regulation, environmental politics and policy, state politics, and public opinion. His research has been published in various journals, including the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, and *Public Opinion Quarterly*. He has authored or edited three books on environmental politics and policy, including most recently *Cheap and Clean: How Americans Think about Energy in the Age of Global Warming* (MIT Press, 2014, with Steve Ansolabehere) and *Failed Promises: Evaluating the Federal Government's Response to Environmental Justice* (MIT Press, 2015). Konisky's research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation ([website](#)).

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