

## **Robert D. Brenner**

For more than 25 years, Rob Brenner has been a national leader of clean air policy development in the United States. In recognition of that role, he received a Distinguished Career Service Award from Administrator Lisa Jackson upon his retirement from EPA in August 2011.

From 1988 to 2011, Rob was Director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Review at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He played a key role in the development, Congressional passage, and implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 – the most significant and far-reaching environmental law passed in the last twenty-five years. Since the passage of that landmark law, Rob has focused on innovative, cost-effective ways to implement its provisions, particularly through the use of market-based approaches such as emissions trading and other economic incentives. He was a leader in EPA's efforts to promote development of new, more effective pollution-control technologies such as diesel retrofits, and he pioneered the use of economic analysis in evaluating the effectiveness of EPA programs.

Rob was also very active in nurturing and developing voluntary partnerships with local organizations to target and reduce pollution in their neighborhoods. The flagship program was Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE), a cross-media toxics-reduction initiative. Rob successfully incubated this concept, which is now an established EPA program, helping nearly 100 communities nationwide to decrease exposures to toxic chemicals.

Both President George H.W. Bush in 1993 and President Clinton in 1998 conferred on Rob the rank of Meritorious Senior Executive. In 2003, he received the Distinguished Executive Award for “sustained extraordinary accomplishment” from President George W. Bush.