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Mr. Diamant's current research activities focus on a variety of climate-related issues, including the development of international greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions trading, corporate GHG risk analysis and risk management, GHG abatement portfolio management, terrestrial carbon sequestration, and developing information and methods to help electric companies make decisions in the face of climate policy uncertainty.

Prior to joining EPRI, Mr. Diamant was a project manager at EPRI Solutions, Inc.—EPRI's application consulting subsidiary—where he managed ecological asset management projects. Mr. Diamant has more than a decade of private consulting experience. He has prepared quantitative economic analyses, developed sophisticated computer simulation models, and provided strategic advice to a wide range of public, private and non-profit clients. Previously, Mr. Diamant worked in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where he was responsible for oversight of the regulatory programs of the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service.

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Ruben Lubowski oversees EDF's analytical efforts to reduce emissions from tropical deforestation using emerging carbon markets. He also develops and promotes proposals to integrate forestry and agriculture into domestic and international climate policies. Dr. Lubowski has testified before the Senate on the role of offsets in cost containment and been published in the journal of Land Economics.

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