

Worksheet 6, March 24, 2015

I advise you to work through the following problems /questions well and as a group (make sure though that no one is free-riding); it's the ticket to performing reasonably well on the exams. Number of points indicates the expected scope of the answer (should roughly correspond to time in minutes).

1. **[15 points]** Briefly summarize H&M's main objective? Which of the H&S results do they question and how do they try to prove behavioral relevance of Coase's Theorem; i.e. what are the most important modifications in their experimental design? Which are the main results of H&M? Explain why their results do confirm the behavioral relevance of Coase's Theorem, especially in contrast to the results by H&S.
2. **[15 points]** What is the Environmental Kuznets Curve? Where does its name come from? And what is the basic functional relationship claimed? What are the possible explanations for the existence of such a relationship? Summarize, in your words, the critique of the EKC.
3. **[10 points]** *"Even though command and control may be more effective than no regulation, its high costs suggest there might be other tools such as voluntary programs that can supplement command and control."* [P&P AJPS] Discuss.
4. **[5 points]** Voluntary programs can be theoretically conceptualized as club goods. Explain.
5. **[5 points]** A strong-sword program is, in theory and in practice, the only possibility to ensure high environmental standards adopted and lived up to by participating companies. True or false? Explain.
6. **[5 points]** What is the ISO 14001 and why, in Potoski & Prakash's terminology, can it be considered a weak sword? (Summarize Table 1 in their article.)

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7. **[20 points]** There are important direct and indirect costs (recall the "check list for implementing ISO 14001 management systems") to being certified by ISO 14001. What are the benefits of ISO 14001 certification that might justify those costs?
 - a) What are main factors influencing participation in ISO 14001 program? What is the intuitive causality for each of these factors?
 - b) What are main factors influencing compliance for ISO 14001 participants? What is the intuitive causality for each of these factors?
 - c) What is a possible problem with P&P's conjecture that participation in ISO14001 improves environmental performance of participating companies?
8. **[10 points]** "Trade creates disincentives for firms to voluntarily adopt regulations that increase their cost of production and coordination." Discuss.b