Mission
To help decision makers create timely, effective, and economically practical solutions to the world's critical environmental challenges.

Overview
In 2005, the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions became the first environmental-policy-centered Institute with a Duke University affiliation. Since then, the Nicholas Institute has grown into a major nonpartisan participant in key debates surrounding climate change, the economics of limiting carbon pollution, oceans governance and coastal development, emerging environmental markets and freshwater concerns at home and abroad.

Though the Nicholas Institute doesn't take sides, it strives to help decision makers in business, industry, government and the nonprofit sector better anticipate their choices by providing a sound understanding of these, and many of the world's other, complex environmental issues. While the Nicholas Institute's work is far reaching—taking staff everywhere from Asia to Europe—the majority of its efforts have focused on assisting decision makers locally and on the Hill.

Administration
A small team of economists, scientists and policy experts make up the Nicholas Institute, which is led by Director Tim Profeta.

- Emerson Beyer, Associate Director, Foundation and Corporate Relations
- Jonas Monast, Director, Climate and Energy
- Brian C. Murray, Director, Economic Analysis
- Lydia Olander, Director, Ecosystem Services
- Linwood Pendleton, Director, Ocean and Coastal Policy
- Amy Pickle, Director, State Policy
- Larry Shirley, Director, Operations and Planning

Board of Advisors
Some of the foremost environmental leaders in the United States sit on the Nicholas Institute's Board of Advisors. This includes individuals from both the public and private sector, such as the chairman of Duke Energy, the chairman of Boston Scientific Corporations and the presidents of the Nature Conservancy, Natural Resources Defense Council and the World Wildlife Fund. The board is chaired by William K. Reilly, founding partner of Aqua International Partners and former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator (1989-1993).

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