

Judy Layzer

11.007 Day 18 Notes: **Resolving Local Disputes**

RESOLVING LOCAL DISPUTES

What happens in each of the two cases you read?

What is the role of information and experts in each case?

What factors seem to influence what local decisionmakers do when the evidence is uncertain?

What is the role of the media in these disputes?

What observations can you make about the dynamics of resolving local controversies? Is there anything distinctive about local decisionmaking compared to national-level policymaking?