**■**Good environmental policy requires knowledge of the latest scientific developments. Thus, from the NYT today:

Two months after scientists reported that they had clocked subatomic particles known as neutrinos going faster than the speed of light, to the astonishment and vocal disbelief of most of the world's physicists, the same group of scientists, known as Opera, said on Friday that it had performed a second experiment that confirmed its first results and eliminated a leading criticism of the first experiment.

And thus, the joke of the day, courtesy Mark Kleiman:

- 1. The bartender says, "Hey! You know we don't allow faster-than-light objects in here!
- 2. A neutrino walks into a bar.

The Times reports that "the group admitted that many questions remain. "This is not the end of the story," said Antonio Ereditato of the University of Bern in Switzerland, spokesman for the collaboration."

I'd certainly say so! By definition!