

Massachusetts has adopted an ambitious goal of reducing GHG levels 20% below the 1990 level by 2020. According to the [NY Times](#), the program involves a mix of tools:

1. Importing more hydropower from Quebec.
2. Reducing vehicle miles driven through insurance incentives.
3. Encouraging owners of old oil furnaces to replace them with more efficient systems.
4. Using the existing cap-and-trade system adopted by Northeastern states to control emissions from electricity generators.
5. Existing green building standards.

Massachusetts officials say their program “puts the lie to the Chicken Little-oriented debate on the national scene” — that is, to claims that reducing greenhouse gases would be an economic disaster.