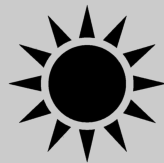


# States Can Decide How to Reach Goals for Reducing Emissions

## Methods for Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions



Shift from coal power plants to natural gas power plants



Increase in renewable energies such as solar, wind, and nuclear energy



Establish programs to promote energy efficiency in homes



Utilize a cap-and-trade program or carbon pricing

### Analysis

- States have the flexibility to decide how they will meet their emission goals before submitting their plans.
- If a state refuses to decide on a method, the EPA would create a federal plan based on a cap-and-trade system.
- A final federal program will be decided in 2016 for those states not willing to comply.