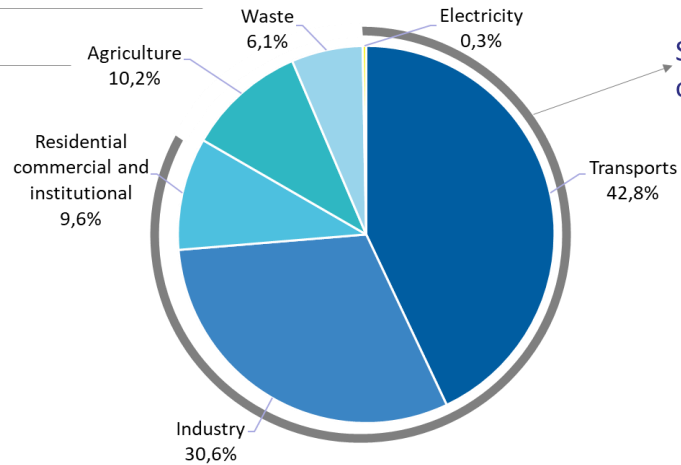


Québec's Offset Protocols

Sectors not covered by the cap-and-trade system
Possibility of offset credits



Sectors covered by the cap-and-trade system

In force:

- Landfill methane reclamation and destruction
- Halocarbon destruction
- Carbon sequestration through afforestation or reforestation on private lands (2022)
- Methane destruction by covering manure storage facilities
- Destruction of methane from drainage systems at active coal mines
- Destruction of methane from ventilation air at active underground coal mines

Assessment of the operating parameters of the Cap-and-Trade System - Offsets

Options for the 2027-2029 compliance period

- Status quo
- Reducing the limit on the use of offset credits
 - For example, reducing from 8% to 4% for the period 2027-2029
- Restricting their use, in whole or in part, to offset projects with direct environmental benefits (DEBs) in Quebec only, or in Quebec and California

Options for the post-2030 period

- Evaluating the possibility of converting the offset component into a program for purchasing GHG emission reductions and CO₂ removals from the atmosphere.
- Maintaining the current regulatory basis for projects eligible for the GHG emission reduction purchase program and for the removal of CO₂ from the atmosphere.

Québec's permanent crediting CO₂ removal method based on climate benefits

1 offset credit is generated when 1 ton of CO₂ or more produces sufficient measured or actual climate benefits (W/m²) to offset the impact of 100 years of 1t of CO₂ emissions in the atmosphere.

