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In December of 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency announced that it had conclusively determined that greenhouse gases, previously notorious primarily for their effects on the environment, also threaten public health. msnbc.com, EPA: Greenhouse Gases are Dangerous to Humans, Dec. 7, 2009, http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34311724/ns/us_news-environment/ (http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34311724/ns/us_news-environment/). In making this determination the EPA cleared the way for regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. This announcement peaked the interests of environmentalists and the fears of big businesses across the country.


The mood in the United States is one of hope, hope that we have seen the worst of the recession. Whatever legislation or regulation comes into existence, the tenuous economic situation the in which the country and world are positioned must be taken into account. So many of the jobs lost in the current recession are said not to be coming back, and we are seeing entire professions virtually disappear, whether to overseas markets or the relentless march of time. Catherine Rampell, The Growing Underclass: Jobs Gone Forever, N.Y. Times, Jan. 28, 2010, available at http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/01/28/the-growing-underclass-jobs-gone-forever/.

Necessity has always been the mother of invention, a quick look at today's headlines, and it's obvious, it's time to get inventive.