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Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559).

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Comments entered:

My story is short. I live spitting distance from the railroad tracks where oil and gas trains run day and night. I can see them from my kitchen window. If there is an accident, I am dead. Not a happy thought.

I have been fighting fracking in southwestern, PA since 2010 when pgh had its first protest downtown. I was there. Ten years later and we are still fighting the same fight. It is time fossil fuels were left in the ground where they belong and look to creating sustainable energy by using wind and sun. But until that time, the fossil fuel industry must dramatically reduce its emissions and pay its fair share for the air, water, and soil pollution they have caused. RGGI is a step in that direction.

Many Residents of PA are sick. They have respiratory illnesses, heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and mental health problems. And many less serious illnesses but still debilitating like headaches,

runny noses, nausea, coughs, sore throats, and stress. All of these are related to pollution from sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and particulate matter. All these would also be reduced if we joined RGGI. And the power plants would actually be paying for some of the pollution they are emitting. It seems like a no brainer, we should join.

PA is the 4th largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the nation. It is crucial that PA join RGGI. As one of the largest polluters in the country, PA joining RGGI would have a huge impact on reducing carbon emissions. The data is clear: from 2008-2018, carbon pollution has decreased by 47% in participating RGGI states, ahead of the rest of the country by 90%. Is there any reason not to join?

Joining RGGI will result in creating jobs, reducing electricity prices, and generating billions of dollars to be invested in clean energy projects.

This is a no brainer. We must join.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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