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

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

My name is Tim Resciniti. I live in Northern Allegheny County and I'm speaking today in support of Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative.

In my family we have a joke that has come to explain the weather around the Pittsburgh area. We say there is a protective smell, a play on the phrase protective spell, around the city that keeps the rain away. I'm considered to be a trained weather observer after having taken many aviation weather classes while training to be a professional pilot as a young man some 20 years ago. I still enjoy being an amateur meteorologist today and have come to be relied on when my family and others require a hyper-local forecast.

As a church softball coach I watch the radar as massive storms move across Ohio only to disappear when they get close to Pittsburgh. The game is played without ever a drop of rain falling. I know the reason for this phenomenon. It is because the air mass over the city and

surrounding area is consistently hotter and drier than areas further away. When a system powerful enough to break through the protective smel finally comes our way, the end result is flash flooding, microbursts and wide spread damage. This also means less "good rain" for the local farms I shop at, winters that are more like what you would have expected from somewhere far south of here 20 years ago and an unpredictability to our weather that has caused injury and death in the worst of circumstances. This is the definition of climate change as it relates to where I live today.

I believe, and there is evidence to support, that a large part of the reason why this happens is the fossil fuel burning power plants in the area and the effect their carbon emissions have on our climate. I strongly support Pennsylvania joining RGGI as an important first step in reducing the impact that man made climate change is having on Pennsylvanians.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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