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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).

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

I am presenting on behalf of myself and appreciate the time I have received today.

I will keep this short as numerous statistics have graciously been presented.

I received a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State in Environmental Science focusing on water quality but found Air quality in parallel. I went on to work for Exelon Generation because I care about both our rights to clean air and clean water. I then continued to receive a master's degree from Vermont Law School focusing on Environmental and Energy Law with a minor in Climate Change Law.

I am an Environmental Engineer and of one of my many environmental compliance programs I handle Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection or PADEP Air Permits for Nuclear Power Plants. Due to the emission calculations apart of these permits, I know firsthand how zero

(0) carbon nuclear energy is and numerous other emissions. I also used to work at Three Mile Island a Nuclear Plant near Harrisburg that was shut down last September, luckily, I personally did not have a major impact as I am young in my career. Many families were impacted by the closure of this nuclear power plant, so I believe I also understand and am extremely humbled by the market-based aspect of the energy sector.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative is a market-based approach and will ensure a competitive environment for innovative clean technologies; it will allow sustainable generation, storage and the infrastructure to develop itself. Small Modular and Advanced Nuclear Reactor technologies are on the horizon and I believe in Pennsylvania and their want to be sustainably innovative.

Outside of the and technology innovation it is about our people and their right to clean air. RGGI assists in placing a cost to the intrinsic value of air quality. Pennsylvania has 286 people per square mile. Pennsylvania's population density ranks 11th in the nation after New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware and New York; all states apart of RGGI already. All 12.8 million Pennsylvania residents have the right to clean air, also all members of RGGI also have that right as air quality knows no state lines. Therefore, until there is a bipartisan agreement within the federal government it is Pennsylvania's duty to enter RGGI.

On a personal level, I am in my 20s and beginning in 2021 I will be going to school to receive a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Committee to operate a nuclear power plant as a Senior Reactor Operator. I believe Nuclear Technology is a part of the future and that RGGI will make this possible. As I invest my future and career in clean air energy generation; Pennsylvania must also do their part and invest in RGGI! (Please place an exclamation point after that last comment)

I yield the rest of my time.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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