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**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:

Dear DEP Regulatory Comments,

Please please please PADEP address climate change and finalize the proposed rulemaking to allow Pennsylvania to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) beginning in January 2022. This super important to address PA's emissions and protect public health.

We need the proceeds from RGGI to be invested in energy efficiency and targeted efforts to eliminate air pollution, spur job creation, support working Pennsylvanians, and help boost the state's long-term economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, it is important that a portion of the proceeds be used to help workers and communities who will be affected by the ongoing and inevitable transition of the energy market away from coal and natural gas to cleaner sources of generation.

I also support PADEP adding flexibility to adjust the starting allowance budget if actual emissions are lower than currently projected.

I acknowledge the problems posed by abandoned coal refuse piles but do not support the waste coal set-aside. At minimum, I recommend amending the definition of legacy emissions, which determines the number of free allowances provided in the set-aside. This account should be no

larger than is necessary to cover actual emissions. Since 2018, four waste coal plants have retired. These plants should be removed from the calculation of legacy emissions as they will not exist in 2022.

I strongly support the strategic use set-aside account included in the proposed rule and urge that this set-aside account survive independently of the waste coal set-aside.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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