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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:

To whom it may concern;

I am writing as the wife of a power plant employee in Western PA, specifically Indiana County. Passing the RGGI would be detrimental to this areas economy. Not only would it effect the countless employees of the power plants but the hundreds of support businesses that surround them.

Without these businesses and the jobs and revenues they create there would be very few good paying jobs left for families in this area.

After the gas industry dried up a few years ago we saw countless houses for sale and our schools are already experiencing lower numbers than ever before.

These power plant industries and coal mining industries have spent millions of dollars to keep up with green energy initiatives and these communities deserve a fighting chance to be able to provide for their families. Until there is another viable solution for energy it does not make sense to cut these vital life lines. Sadly if these plants close there will be countless families and communities that will face the ultimate decision of moving and leaving behind the places, communities, people, and other businesses that they have come to love and be a vital part of.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jessica Shirley

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