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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:

I wholeheartedly support the CO2 Budget Trading Program. The need to reduce our CO2 emissions could not be more urgent. The RGGI is the kind of coordinated response we will need to solve the problem. Pennsylvania is the fourth largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the country. As an outsized contributor to the problem, we face an outsized challenge, as well as an outsized responsibility, to reduce our carbon emissions. With the cooperation and support of our neighboring states, the RGGI offers us what is perhaps the least disruptive way to reduce our carbon emissions. While we've waited for the federal government to develop effective plans to reduce carbon emissions, decades have slipped away and carbon continued to accumulate in the atmosphere, raising the global temperature. Meanwhile, in 2009, the RGGI was established and has been running for over 11 years. Joining the RGGI will save us precious time, Pennsylvania will not have to invest years to develop and debug it's own program. Joining the RGGI is the right thing to do and now is the best time to do it.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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