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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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This system would benefit most Pennsylvanians health and livelihood. We should unequivocally join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to support our States environment and communities. For too long we have put the perceived value of fossil fuel extraction above the actual harm to our neighbors and Commonwealth. Natural Gas and Oil damage far more than waterways, mountains, and soil. It harms you and me. Whether you live in Washington County, Susquehanna County, Bucks County, Allegheny County, Philadelphia County, and beyond you(we) are already experiencing the detrimental effects of our own fossil fuel industry and the Climate Crisis at hand.

I ask you this: Will you continue to uphold dangerous systems of blind capitalism or will you allow the systems to support our fellow Pennsylvanians as we focus on shifting to a more safe and stable environment?

Below are some ways joining the RGGI will help directly:

Reducing carbon pollution isn't the only benefit of RGGI. The health benefits of the reduced sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions are significant - up to \$6.3 billion by 2030, averaging between \$232 million to \$525 million per year. Additionally, DEP estimates that through 2030:

Up to 639 premature deaths from respiratory illnesses will be prevented due to emission reductions resulting directly from RGGI participation  
30,000 fewer hospital visits for respiratory illnesses like asthma for children and adults  
Adults would be healthier as well which results in over 83,000 avoided lost workdays due to health impacts.

Thank you and stay strong and stay safe,

Miles B.

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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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