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Comments entered:

I strongly support the passage of the CO2 Budget Trading Program. The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is critical to progressing to a future with strong environmental regulations in the state of Pennsylvania and the greater region. One point of concern in referencing the controversies with California's cap and trade program, is the issue of environmental racism. The RGGI must be cognizant of where the largest polluters are located and the communities that live and work in the surrounding areas. The RGGI must further have mechanisms in place to limit pollution if the program is unsuccessful in effectively regulating industry. In the State of Washington State, they are considering the implementation of entity-specific emissions caps, which I believe should be considered in the implementation of the RGGI in Pennsylvania. This would give the Commonwealth the ability to regulate specific entity's pollution outputs if they are not decreasing pollution rates at a fast enough rate.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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