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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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To: Environmental Quality Board

In the midst of all the problems we now face, it is easy to overlook the threat of climate change. But the threat is real and the time to act is now. To that end, I am writing to express support for Governor Wolf's plan to have Pennsylvania join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

It is critical that we place a cap on pollutants from power plants. According to PennEnvironment, when plants in participating states bought allowances for excess carbon, there has been a 47% decline in emissions. In addition, more than \$1.3 billion was raised for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects since 2009. State Impact PA estimates that in the first year alone, \$300 million in revenue could be raised for the state's budget.

This is a win-win situation that needs to be addressed by the state legislature. Please let Pennsylvania join the RGGI to protect the environment while increasing our state revenue.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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