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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:

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Indiana County. I am against joining the RGGI program due to the devastation it would leave on western Pennsylvania. For example, the taxes that are paid to local school districts is what keeps our schools functioning. Having a son in school, I would be worried that if the plants should close the school districts would have to combine leaving the children riding a school bus twice a long in the morning and evening, overcrowded classrooms, and the student to teacher ratio to increase.

The fact of matter is the job loss to western Pennsylvania would be devastating from the plants, truck drivers, suppliers, local restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, and schools. THOUSANDS of jobs lost and families effected.

As a child growing up in the 1980's I personally saw what happens to areas when mass jobs are lost due to the majority of the coal mines closing. Downtown Johnstown is no longer the same from the loss of jobs due to the steel mills and railcar division closing in the 90's and early 2000's. Western Pennsylvania can't take much more.

Being a worker in the power industry the power plants are cleaner burning and more efficient than ever. Imposing these taxes on these plants would only move our local jobs and tax payers to neighboring states.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. Please reject the RGGI regulation and save thousands of jobs and businesses in western Pennsylvania.

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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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