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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:

Dear Assembly Members:

My name is Daniel Yanchak and I have been employed by Consol Energy for 39 years. I am currently the General Plant Superintendent of the Bailey Central Preparation Plant, in charge of the largest coal processing facility in the United States, if not in the world. I began working for Aloe Coal Company in the 1970's, and simultaneously attended Penn State University, graduating at the top of my class with a B.S. in Mining Engineering in 1982. I am of retirement age, so my comments are not meant to extend my career or improve my wages. My concern is that the next generations of energy workers will be displaced and our nation weakened because of an unproven THEORY that man can control the climate.

Anyone can look at the earth's geology and see that climate change is naturally occurring, that deserts and mountains were once covered with water, oceans rise and recede. Coal, oil, and natural gas were concentrated from abundant CO2 in the earth's atmosphere by the sun. The Theory that if we reduce or eliminate CO2 emissions then we can keep the climate from changing is bunk. This theory of 'Man Made Global Warming' has no proof of any benefit from CO2 reductions. It is only a powerful scare tactic to tax the benefits of low cost energy, force a premium for high cost renewables, and neuter the value of the abundant fossil fuel resources of the United States. Why should anyone in the United States give up low cost energy and it's

tremendous benefits without solid proof? Hollywood and the universities are pushing this theory on the younger generation, but I am confident that this generation will eventually see through this false logic.

Wind and solar energy have their place, but they have been subsidized heavily by the state and federal governments. Technology improvements will continue to bring their costs down, but so will technology improvements bring fossil fuels costs lower. Don't legislate away good paying fossil fuel jobs because of special interests from outside our state and country, Hollywood, and the globalists that want to shift our economy in their direction.

My grandfather came from the Ukraine and settled in Canonsburg, PA and worked in the coal mine there with no understanding of English. His sons fought in WWII and Korea, worked in the steel mills and heavy industries around Pittsburgh. Freedom, good transportation, good communication, innovation and low cost energy made the United States the envy of the world, and the best place in the world to live, by far. I call the United States of America the second Heaven. Just look around the world and see how high cost energy cripples the ability of the people and creates a huge class divide. The availability and reliability of low cost power in the United States is second to none. I do not want to see Pennsylvania, my home, follow in the footsteps of the state of California, with blackouts and utility costs many times what we pay here in PA, for no good reason. Energy cost not only affects our electric bill, but every good and service that we purchase.

CO2 is also not a pollutant, otherwise we all better quit breathing.

Sincerely

Daniel C. Yanchak

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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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