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Good afternoon,

Attached is a form letter DEP received regarding Proposed Rulemaking: CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program (#7-559). We have labeled this letter "Form Letter 7: Nuclear Support for RGGI" (IRRC Form Letter G).

We received a total of **201** copies of this letter via email during the public comment period.

Thank you,  
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## **FORM LETTER 7: “Nuclear Support for RGGI”**

**Proposed Rulemaking: CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program (#7-559)**

Dear Department of Environmental Protection,

I'm writing to you today to proudly voice my support for Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

As one of the 15,000 citizens employed by the state's nuclear energy industry, I understand the importance of emissions-free electricity and am supportive of a clean energy future in Pennsylvania.

The ongoing pandemic has taught us just how important healthy lungs are. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania is the country's fourth-largest producer of carbon emissions, and all that air pollution chips away at our lung health and puts residents at even greater risk of respiratory illnesses like the coronavirus.

By requiring fossil fuel plants to pay some of the social and health costs of carbon emissions they release into the air, we are prioritizing public health, in addition to thousands of new clean energy jobs that will help Pennsylvania communities grow.

RGGI is a market-based program that has helped our neighbors in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware slash carbon emissions in half. But RGGI offers benefits beyond clean air alone.

Here are other ways our neighboring RGGI states are benefiting from RGGI:

- Improved air quality and public health
- Carbon emissions cut in half
- Stable electricity prices
- Thousands of new clean energy jobs
- Stronger economies

Over a decade of experience shows that joining RGGI would be good for Pennsylvania's environment, public health, AND economy.

The longer Pennsylvania waits to join RGGI, the further we will fall behind other states in our region that are already moving forward on clean energy.

That's why I'm urging you to move Pennsylvania forward on clean energy by participating in RGGI.