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**Re: eComment System****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:

The PA bulletin entry was over 19,000 words. This is too complicated and convoluted. It targets only a select portion of CO2 emitters. It will require perpetual government oversight. Exempting small generators will punish those located in urban areas near major power grid nodes while encouraging small generating stations out in the countryside where gas is available. It will discourage electric vehicles. It will put PA at a competitive disadvantage compared to unregulated states. Surely there would be more unintended consequences. Regulations are a burdensome constraint. We will eventually drown ourselves in them if we don't stop expanding the code.

A far simpler, more fair, and effective approach would be a revenue-neutral shift from income tax to fossil fuel tax nationally. Consumers would quickly move away from fossil fuels if it meant they could save on taxes. They'd be free to do it their own ways. Please pursue a national fossil fuel tax instead.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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