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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 strongly oppose Gov Wolf's proposal for PA to participate in the RGGI. There are already too few good jobs in our area. Our highly skilled miners, equipment operators, mechanics, electricians, welders and other craftspeople are not all cut out to be retrained to sit at a desk all day. RGGI proponents are claiming millions in new tax revenue would be directed back to the hard-hit areas. When did you EVER see that happen?

You need a diverse fleet of coal, gas, and renewable energy power plants for reliability of the grid. In a blackout, Coal-fired power plants are the only ones with their fuel supply on site. All the others will be waiting for the sun to come out, the wind to blow, or the gas transmission system to be restored. Picture this...Pennsylvania in a total blackout at -10 degrees f outside.....no lights, no home heating, traffic lights, gas station, grocery stores, water plants, ....all shut down.....maybe for days. RGGI will seem like a real bad idea about then.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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