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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 urge you to approve and adopt this initiative for Pennsylvania to join RGGI. It is abundantly clear that immediate action is required to stem the outpouring of greenhouse gasses.

Reducing our carbon emissions is not only a requirement for a livable future, but it has been proven that this also makes economic sense. Since 2009, carbon emissions from power plants in RGGI states have dropped 47%, while economic growth outpaced the rest of the country by 31%. And public health benefits from improved air quality are estimated at \$6 billion.

From a personal side, we love living in the Lancaster area, but with annually increasingly worse air quality we have started to consider moving to another state that is taking decisive action to address air quality and emissions. If PA continues to ignore this issue, it is easy to imagine a large exodus of higher earning families leaving the state - i.e. an additional significant state revenue drop.

So, please - join RGGI!

Sincerely,
Scott Simmons.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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