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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 write in opposition to Governor Tom Wolf's proposed regulation, CO2 Budget Trading Program as published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on November 7, 2020 (50. Pa.B. 6212), which will join Pennsylvania to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). I urge the Independent Regulatory Reform Commission (IRRC) to reject Governor Wolf's proposed RGGI tax. The coal fired power plants play a vital role in keeping the power grid secure. Wind and solar should only assist in power production. No wind, no sun, no sustainable power generation. Lets not forget about all the waste coal piles the cover the PA country side polluting the groundwater. Coal powered generating stations can burn this waste coil and the contamination gets cleaned up at the same time. A win/win. Who is going to pay for the clean up without coal fired generating stations? Where will the coal spoils go? Landfills? I can't tell you how many thousands of people, families, companies, employees the coal fired generating power plants provide a living for. Thank you in advance for some common sense thinking!

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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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