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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:

Please accept this email as my public opposition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joining the RGGI. As a resident of Western Pennsylvania, I know firsthand many people that are employed directly and indirectly by the coal-fired power plants in our region. Joining RGGI will economically devastate thousands of families in this area, as well as be detrimental to the affiliated businesses that provide support to the plants. Not to mention, the impacts on the small businesses in the towns surrounding the plants that many employees support through their day to day commutes to and from work.

These plants have been subject to numerous requirements by both the DEP and EPA to remain compliant and remain open. Joining RGGI will cause these plants to close their doors prematurely and put thousands of hard working Pennsylvanians out of work. There are not many options in this area for residents to go and find union based, family sustaining jobs, like the ones in the power plants. These families will either relocate to other states to find new employment, or they will unfortunately need to turn to rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

I urge you to reconsider joining the RGGI. Our area will not recover from the shuttering of these plants.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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