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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:

As a long-time resident of Indiana County, I have raised children in the shadow of three of the largest coal burning power plants in the nation. These plants provide needed energy and regional jobs, but the diminishment of regional air quality and the aggregate effect of uncapped CO2 emissions on the climate for generations to come demand action now.

While the RGGI plan may not be the idea mechanism for reducing emissions, it is a positive and necessary step at this time. I urge my state legislators Rep. Struzzi and Sen. Pittman to cease opposing it. Instead, we must all commit to transitioning Pennsylvania to clean, low-emission energy sources. I further urge my legislators to work with the governor in directed necessary funds to needed retraining and social supports for those effected by the decades-long decline in the coal industry in our state. Furthermore, I would like to see all RGGI auction proceeds directed towards:

- 1) the remediation of coal and natural gas extraction throughout the
- 2) job retraining and higher education subsidies for Pennsylvanians
- 3) meaningful public-private partnerships to position Pennsylvania (and particularly Western PA) as a hub for solar and wind manufacturing.

Sincerely,

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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