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**Re: eComment System****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 am really worried about climate change as a threat to peace and global stability, as well as a threat to the health of farms and forests in Pennsylvania and throughout the world. It is increasingly a humanitarian issue due to the millions of people worldwide who are likely to be driven from their homelands by heat waves, droughts or sea level rise if trends continue. For me as a nature lover, it is also a local issue, because the beloved scenery of Pennsylvania's forests and countryside will change radically if global climate change proceeds as predicted. The changing conditions in our environment and world are going to cause changes to our economy and society one way or another; our experience with the pandemic this year has demonstrated how interconnected the world is, and how quickly a seemingly distant threat can become a terrifying crisis. Therefore, I think that we in Pennsylvania have an obligation to do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the use of clean, renewable energy sources. Fortunately, we have abundant means to do this and to be in the lead of the new green economy, using resources like wind energy and community solar. Solar energy has become vastly more efficient and feasible during just the last few years. I think it is very important that Pennsylvania make further concrete efforts, in cooperation with neighboring states, and therefore I strongly support our commonwealth joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Thank you very much for your consideration.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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