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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, for one, don't want to be paying for ever increasing costs for energy.

I pay my utility bills. But, they are a small part of the total cost of energy to me. There are hidden and increasing costs, measured in terms of both dollars and quality of life.

Today, these costs flow secretly from the producers to taxpayers and the public.

They flow disguised as:

Emergency management and aid during and after disasters,
 Increased healthcare costs – insurance premiums, medicare, Medicaid, ...and drug and medical bills.

Increased costs to protect property against flood, fire, drought, winds, etc.

Decreased Physical health and shorter lives

A Dirtier environment – air, water and land

Loss of wildlife including entire species –

If we don't take action, Will one of those species be us?

Joining the RGGI is a first step to assigning a cost to the impacts; making them visible to

consumers and producers alike. Assigning responsibility of those costs where they rightfully belong and to the parties that have the expertise, knowledge and ability to manage and reduce them is just common sense.

We all know, if no one is assigned to fix a problem, nothing gets done. When a crisis happens, people say it wasn't my fault, it wasn't my job. It is already past time to assign responsibility and take action to protect our children and grandchildren.

I recommend we join the RGGI as soon as possible.
Thank you for accepting and considering comments.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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