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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 support Pennsylvania's entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) because it is one of many approaches we need to employ to reduce carbon emissions as rapidly as possible to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change. I know RGGI will impact the coal industry, and thus impact workers to a greater extent than it has in other participating states. However, market forces are already working against the coal industry. The state could and should use funds from RGGI to benefit displaced coal workers through supplemental benefits, education and training for clean energy jobs, and to attract such jobs to our area, using state-level programs implemented or proposed in Colorado and Kentucky as models. RGGI appears to be working to reduce emissions in other states. We will have to do more--cap and trade plans alone will not achieve sufficient emission reductions quickly enough to avert the most harmful impacts of climate change. But RGGI is one proven strategy that is already in place, and Pennsylvania should embrace it.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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