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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:

If cap and trade worked so well, we wouldn't have the major auto manufacturers selling huge trucks and SUV's. Because they could buy credits from Tesla, they are able to do that. These SUVs and huge pickup trucks emit more total CO2 than a small car, but technically meet the regulations as a percentage of volume emitted. Cap and trade will do nothing to reduce the CO2 emissions in the Commonwealth if utilities are able to buy credits from other states. This is a money maker, pure and simple. As you have stated in your own report, suppliers are moving away from fossil fuels anyway. Why not encourage construction of carbon free power plants? Nuclear energy is the cleanest solution to the problem, but the oppressive regulatory environment in regards to this form of energy makes it impossible for it to be profitable.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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