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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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Senator Gene Yaw raises some good points in his PIOGA Press soapbox. However, he apparently lies and says Clean Coal Technology is clean and affordable. He also lies or is misinformed when he says wind turbines come from rare earth materials. Most wind turbines do not currently have magnet drives. He mentions that greenhouse gas emissions across the state have dropped 39% and says America has led the world in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Well, but children are still dying in U.S. cities on "dirty air" days, and he's ignoring the fact that some countries essentially don't even produce greenhouse gases so what's the standard of his measure? So he ignores the fact that the U.S. is 4% of the world's population and uses 25% of the world's resources so I'm not sure what point he is trying to make. Is every country suppose to grow like us and use the "25%" of resources to have a high standard of living? And if not, why not? He's right that the U.S. should lead the positive change, but he later basically states in the article that clean energy is a waste of time and getting rid of fossil fuels is a waste of time. He notes that solar and wind power require large amounts of mining to manufacture, but only suggests burning and mining fossils fuels as an alternative. He rightly suggests we should be considering recycling wind turbines and solar panels at the end of their life, but ignores the fact that people and companies are working on these problems and starting to do it. What is he doing to speed up the process? He rightly says we need national or state policy for recycling these things but doesn't worry about any environmental impacts from strip mining coal or natural gas well drilling, or the fact that there is essentially no plan to plug the countless natural methane gas

wells across the state (just like there was no plan to reclaim mines across the state), or recycle much of anything else on the planet for that matter. He says it is commendable to want to have a positive impact on our environment, but he says solar power is bad because of toxic materials. He wants to have corporations take over the entire planet. Apparently, just not wind and solar power corporations. He rightly holds the nuclear industry up as environmentally problematic. He doesn't suggest funding research to solve these problems and like a typical Republican he doesn't suggest solving them or addressing them at all. As long as he's giving the subsidies to the oil, coal, and natural gas companies everything is ok in his mind. We need to restructure the tax code to penalize material waste, but that would take Democrats and Republicans away from their cash cows and they would actually have to work for their money and come up with some good ideas and solutions that they could never meet in the middle on. Why don't we tax the raw uranium, concrete, dysprosium, terbium, europium, neodymium, and yttrium, steel, lithium-ion batteries, nickel, cobalt, glass, lead, cadmium telluride, copper indium selenide, and polyvinyl fluoride, oil, coal, and natural gas (to name a few), instead of taxing labor? Why waste money on taxing smoke stack emissions like RGGI – He's right RGGI does not look at the whole picture it ignores the environmental problems and only helps lying Democrats get elected. But he doesn't offer any solutions and why tax people to work? He says there are problems with excepting raw materials from third world countries for solar and wind but he doesn't have any problem shipping our coal, oil, and natural gas to them? God said the earth he created was good and that we are to be good stewards of it, if we don't change what we are doing, we are going to create more suffering , and we are not going to make it another 2,000 years. God told Noah to basically make the case for biodiversity, that means animals must have some value as well. So with Democrats in charge I guess we'll have lots of valuable farm land taken up by giant solar parks instead instead of solar on every south facing roof top.

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