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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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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

It is crucial that the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Quality Board adopt the CO2 Budget Trading Program in order to allow our state to enter Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) states.

This year is forecast to be the warmest or second-warmest year EVER. We have seen record wildfires, floods, and hurricanes. We also know that global warming may be making future pandemics like COVID-19 more likely. If we want to meet the Paris emissions targets and give our children a future, we can't carry on with business as usual.

The proposed rule will cap carbon emissions, and set up a system in which pollution allowances fund Pennsylvania's Clean Air Fund. This money can then be invested in projects to reduce air pollution and promote clean energy. It is forecast to create 27,000 jobs in PA--something we sorely need to combat the economic devastation of the pandemic.

We have a responsibility to our children and grandchildren. We need to act urgently to cut carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jessica Shirley

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