

Dear DNREC/Div. of Air Quality

As a citizen of Delaware concerned about air pollution, I am glad to know that we are in a founding state of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. This shows Delaware's capacity for leadership on tough environmental leadership. It is my understanding that RGGI benchmarks are receiving public comments as to their effectiveness over time in bringing down air pollution and carbon emissions. I would like to see RGGI strengthened to meet a higher standard of effectiveness, especially since CO2 is a known-cause of climate change and we in Delaware are vulnerable to the effects of climate change. In addition, air quality is directly connected to the health of our citizens in so many areas, and really is a public health issue. So, I am asking that **Delaware Do More** to combat air pollution and CO2 emissions through RGGI. Currently, Gov. Markell's Climate Framework for Delaware calls for a 30% reduction in emissions from 2008 levels by 2030. That is below the average state climate goals in our area, which is 40% by 2030 - to include "economy-wide" emissions. In order to achieve these goals, Delaware is going to have to have a much deeper reduction in emissions from electric sector than is currently required by RGGI. In order to achieve long term climate goals, RGGI will have to reduce the emissions cap more than the 2.5% per year, and 35% to 45% by 2030 to 40 million tons in 2030. Delaware can lead on this!

Thank you,

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