

RGGI SAVES LIVES AND PROTECTS OUR HEALTH

RGGI will cut carbon pollution, which contributes to climate change, by as much as 227 million tons in Pennsylvania. It will also reduce harmful sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide pollution from power plants.

That will mean our air and water will be cleaner, people will be healthier, and we will save on health care costs.

Expert analysis shows that with RGGI, there will be:

639

fewer premature PA
deaths from
respiratory illnesses

30,000

fewer hospital visits for
respiratory illnesses
like asthma

83,000+

fewer lost workdays
due to better health for
adults

Health savings will reach as high as \$6.3 billion by 2030, averaging between \$232 million to \$525 million per year.

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Western Pennsylvania's asthma rates are unusually high because of air pollution. In 2019, the Allegheny County Asthma task force report estimated that 11% of children in the county are diagnosed with the disease... I was preschool-aged when I had my first asthma attack. It was scary. I vividly remember the panic in my mother's eyes as she tried to get me to calm down so I wouldn't pass out ... What is infuriating is that it doesn't have to be this bad for me and so many others who have breathing difficulties ... If you act now, you can improve the lives of so many people and those yet to be born here... You can keep more people healthy and safe and wanting to live here. Needless to say, I support RGGI.

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- Hannah Jones, resident of Pittsburgh and student at the University of Pittsburgh