

TAKEAWAYS:

## An Energy Transition Looms in PA

- ✓ **Market forces are driving down coal's share of electricity generation in the Commonwealth.**  
National trends away from coal to less expensive energy sources have decisively impacted PA, where coal-fired power plants' share of electricity generation fell from 57% in 2001 to 17% in 2019.
- ✓ **Coal plant closures leave workers & communities struggling with job loss, site cleanups, and budget shortfalls.**  
PA currently has no state program in place to address the economic impacts of coal plant closures and conversions.
- ✓ **Coal-powered electricity will drop to 4% by 2030, with or without RGGI.**

Source: "Options and Opportunities for Coal Plant Communities: Pennsylvania & the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)"

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## RGGI Funds Could Help Finance PA's Coal Transition

- ✓ A significant share of RGGI proceeds, which are expected to reach \$300 million, could support investment & recovery strategies in coal plant communities.
- ✓ RGGI-funded initiatives have promising precedent.  
Some RGGI states have allocated funding toward replacing lost revenues, workforce development and jobs placement, site cleanup, and investment planning strategies.
- ✓ RGGI has a track record of job creation & pollution reduction.  
RGGI states have cut carbon emissions from electric power plants in half, spurred billions in state revenue, and created tens of thousands of green jobs.

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## Pennsylvania Is Faced with a Critical Choice:

- ✓ **Adopt RGGI** and use the proceeds to usher in a more equitable and prosperous transition in coal plant communities across the Commonwealth.
- ✗ **Reject RGGI** and allow market forces to continue to shutter coal plants without funding to cushion job loss, site cleanup costs, and budget shortfalls.

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