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Comments on 2022-R-A-0011: Low Emission Vehicle Program

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Comments:

First, I am opposed to our government mandating what kind of motor vehicle we are allowed to purchase. That should be the choice of us citizens. Second, the concern that vehicle emissions (CO2 and ozone) in Delaware is rising is incorrect. These emissions have been going down. Next, manufacture of the EV batteries depletes the world supply of precious metals. Next, if there is going to be a significant increase in the use of EV's, we first must increase the capacity of our electricity grid. Next, increasing the production of electricity increases the use of non-renewable resources and increases CO2 and ozone emissions. Next, we need to have the wide spread capability of handling EV battery fires before significant increase in EV usage. Next, a significant increase in disposing of depleted EV batteries will harm our environment. Next, mandating the purchase of EV's will place lower income families and individuals at a disadvantage. The cost of EV's compared to ICE vehicles is significantly higher. Many will not have access to at home, overnight charging, and will have to pay for more expensive commercial charging stations. I personally really like EV cars, but not because of any impact on our environment. I like the lower maintenance and electronic features. For people who can recharge with solar energy or who have the capability to recharge using lower cost residential electricity there are significant operating savings. Let the marketplace, not our government, determine the place of EV's in our lives.