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

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Comments:

I suggest Governor Carney and DNREC consider "triggers" before EV mandates take effect. Cost/ supply? Metrics like AMI could be used to determine whether or not cost is a legitimate barrier. We need to avoid economic hardship for those who simply cannot spend an inordinate amount of their income on a vehicle. Tax credits will help, but the market needs to play a role in the adoption of EVs. Infrastructure? The availability of state and regional charging stations should be evaluated to ensure EVs will be reliable. The City of Lewes in December 2022 delayed the implementation of battery powered hedge trimmers until 2025 due factors such as prohibitive cost, sparse supply, and inadequate climate controlled storage for batteries. Again, the rollout needs to be reasonable and practical. Thank you for consideration of these comments. Khalil G. Saliba