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Comments:

I strongly support DNREC's proposal to move DE to low emission vehicles. Given the issues with air quality and global warming, such a move is literally a matter of life and death. Irrespective of your views on the causes of climate change, there is little doubt that temperatures and sea levels are rising, that more CO₂ exacerbates this rise, and the low emission vehicles will lessen that impact. Criticisms based on infringing personal freedom are specious at best: many things are regulated by society / government for the well-being of all. EG Benzene is a great solvent but you won't see it at the hardware store because exposure increasing the likelihood of developing cancer. There are innumerable such examples. Criticisms based on preempting capitalist marketplace corrections that would otherwise "fix things", ignore, among other things the externalities associated with a gas-vehicle transportation system: auto and oil companies (and car owners) incur much less expense than the true cost of generating emissions (e.g., catalytic converters, etc.) which impact health and further global warming. DNREC has a sacred as well as practical responsibility to protect the environment as well as we who depend on the environment. DNREC must do its duty by implementing the proposed rules.