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

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Comments:

I fail to understand why the State of Delaware must conform to California emission regulations. We are not California! Why is there a rush to mandate electric vehicles on the citizens of Delaware? We have no widespread support network for vehicle battery charging available to the public. Each vehicle offered by the auto manufacturers has no standard for vehicle connection to the grid. Additionally, the electric grid is not able to support the demand for vehicle charging, home electrical demands in respect to the power requirements for heating and cooling, Installation of a charging station is expensive and out of reach for low income residents, especially retirees. Electric vehicles are literally out of my reach cost wise on my retiree income. After a period of time, the batteries must be replaced, currently estimated to be \$20K dollars. After five years it is cheaper to replace the car rather than replace batteries. Now what do we do with the scrap materials which would be a costly enterprise. How do you treat scrapped lithium batteries? How do you scrap electric motors and other parts of the car? Frankly, the technology is nowhere near the expectations DENREC is considering. Why was the Delaware Legislature cut out of the process? I believe that an impact of this level is worthy of discussion at the Legislative body. Using an authorization in DENREC code is authoritarian and does not give the citizens of Delaware to have a voice. Battery fires are a very serious problem. It has been documented that battery fires are difficult to extinguish and the resulting pollutants dumped into the ground water and sewer system is dangerous. I consider this measure as an attempt by the Executive Branch to govern without representation which is contrary to the Constitution of Delaware and I ask that the proposed rule be tabled. Best Regards, Michael Denest