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

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Comments:

I believe we are rushing this program before we are ready to implement it effectively. * This is a band aid solution to emission problems that will have minimal impact as long as countries such as China and India continue to increase their levels of emissions. * The cost of EV's is high compared to internal combustion engine vehicles which will negatively impact low income tax payers. * Battery charging time can take a long time and may not fit driving needs. * Home charging could be an issue for low income people and those who live in apartments. * Upfront costs mean that vehicles are a larger investment. * The production of EV's require rare earth metals and other materials that are environmentally damaging and come from countries such as China and those having human rights concerns. * While those minerals may be available in the U.S., the federal government appears to be hostile to mining them here which seems at cross purposes to environmental concerns. * Does the infrastructure exist or will it exist to service the increased demand for electrical power? * We don't want to have what happened in California last summer, when EV owners were asked to not charge their vehicles to prevent blackouts, to happen in Delaware