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

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I simply do not believe that DNREC should have the authority to mandate the future of vehicle sales in the state of Delaware. I also have no confidence that bureaucrats who are not elected by the people of the state of Delaware actually have the best interest of Delawareans in mind when they make such impactful regulations based in large part on the actions of other states. Delaware is such a small state with such a small population that we will have no choice but to follow the market trends created by the rest of the nation. Is DNREC going to mandate that tourist visiting our state also abide by our EV mandate and leave their fossil fueled cars and RV's at home? What if Delaware does and Maryland does not? Why are we all not driving Fisker electric cars by now (powered by A123 batteries rolling off the assembly lines in the old Chrysler plant in Newark)? What if Delaware goes all-in on battery powered EV's and they end up being supplanted by hydrogen fuel cell powered EV's? If DNREC makes the wrong decision(s) as to the future of green transportation causing the Delaware tax payers to invest in the wrong infrastructure, who gets stuck paying the price (we all know the answer to this one )? I could go on and on, but I already know that DNREC's crystal ball is no better than California's. Please, stop rushing headlong into a green energy future that really has no clear road map. Delaware should leverage its small state status and let the larger states that have much larger resources make the early mistakes. Delaware can quickly learn from those mistakes and capitalize on them. Regardless, because of our small size we are going to breath the air created by our much larger neighbors that surround us on three sides and by the tourist that come to visit our shores. Please halt this unnecessary and burdensome regulation.

Respectfully, Christopher D. Esterson Seaford, DE