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

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When electric vehicles are an improvement over gasoline-powered vehicles, consumers will buy them. They will not have to be forced into buying them. As far as I know, no one banned horse-drawn buggies. They were replaced by motorized vehicles as people came to recognize that motorized vehicles were a better way to get around. At this point in time, there are far too many issues with electric vehicles -- range limits, time to "refuel," lack of infrastructure for "fueling, to name a few -- to make them attractive to most people. Beyond the convenience issues, what would happen in a sudden emergency when large numbers of people need to be evacuated and the electric grid is out? There certainly will be significant portions of the population whose cars are not fully charged and charging is an impossibility. In addition, no one seems to be concerned about the environmental impact of mining the materials to make the batteries for these vehicles (to say nothing of where these materials will be sourced from) nor does any seem to be contemplating the environmental impact of disposing of the batteries when their useful lifespan has been reached. EVs may eventually be the right option, but it will take far more years than government is contemplating. Certainly if and when it is, people will adopt EVs willingly, not by having been forced to do so by government mandate.