

## **Personal Comments Regarding DNREC's Proposal to Ban the Sale of New Fuel-Powered Cars, Trucks, And SUVs**

While it seems that the State of Delaware has mandated that the public must purchase new non-fossil fuel powered cars, trucks and SUV's, I do not think that the timeline proposed by the State is realistic at all. I believe that the State owes its citizens transparency about its plans to accomplish this over the next 10 years.

Here are just a few things that I think we, the public, should know:

1. How will the State increase its electric power generating infrastructure to support the substantially increased need for electric power to charge these vehicles at home and on the road?
2. How many electric charging stations will be needed and where will they be located.
3. Will the price to charge cars at public charging stations be regulated by the State to prevent price gouging?
4. What is the cost of all of the infrastructure improvements to accommodate thousands of new electric vehicles and how will the State fund it? Will taxes increase to accomplish this?
5. Will the State have programs to provide financial assistance to those who cannot afford a new, expensive electric vehicle.
6. How will the State deal with the thousands of out of state non-electric cars that pass-through Delaware every day just on Interstate 95 and how about the thousands of visitors, especially to the beaches?

I am sure that there are many, many more questions that need to be addressed so that the influx of new electric vehicles is not a catastrophe across the State. Maybe those questions have already been considered and if so, why not share that information with the public? I think we deserve to know what the realistic, achievable plans and timeline are to have a smooth transition to electric powered vehicles in Delaware.

Thank you for your consideration.