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Comments:

The environmental impact of the mining for, and processing of, raw materials (lithium, cobalt, copper, etc.) for batteries for EVs is not adequately understood. Has DNREC considered the global environmental impact of producing EV batteries? There's also a humanitarian aspect since countries where the raw materials are mined do not have the same level of labor protections we have. <https://www.afr.com/companies/mining/lithium-giant-s-link-to-slave-labour-region-puts-tesla-in-spotlight-20220718-p5b2ce> Has DNREC considered the additional strain on the electric grid EVs will create? Recently, the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) testified before congress that we are shutting down fossil fuel power generation plants before we have adequate replacement sources in place. "The United States is heading for a very catastrophic situation in terms of reliability," FERC Commissioner Mark Christie said. <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/ferc-grid-reliability-senate-energy-hearing/649523/>. In sum, this proposal is premature and not well considered. It should be rejected.