

Subject: 7 DE Admin Code 1140 "Delaware Low Emission Vehicle Program" Docket #2022-R-A-0011

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

I am writing to oppose the proposed low emission / electric vehicle regulation.

Even as presented, I do not see this regulation providing net benefits. While the electric vehicles may reduce exhaust, the increased weight due to the battery increases tire particulates and poses an increased hazard to pedestrians and bicyclists. The regulation seems to be intended to provide a global environmental benefit due to reduced exhaust, but does not consider mining or manufacturing impacts.

I can see the regulation making private vehicles more expensive and harder to obtain (due to limits on elements needed to make batteries); even as a bicyclist I do not see this as a net benefit to Delaware, or within the scope of DNREC's purpose.

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