

Against Amending 7 DE Admin Code 1140 To California Standards

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Secretary Garvin,

Out of respect for you and the committee that was involved in the meeting today I'm sending my comment through the proposed method, through Mr. Krall's email address. That being said I hope this message reaches you. As a former Parks employee who has spoken to you directly in the past, I also hope that you will give my little spiel a read.

The idea of electric vehicles is a promising idea for the future. However, when asked about infrastructure the moderators couldn't give an answer to how our grids would handle such an influx. The answer they kept giving was there are plans. Plans are a great start. But they are not answers. I can plan to go to Tahiti tomorrow, doesn't mean it's going to happen. I understand that these things take time, but if that's the case we certainly shouldn't be pushing for the stricter California standards.

Again, being a former DNREC employee I've seen how common the use of gas and diesel powered trucks and equipment is. Also how often those vehicles and equipment are moved up and down the state. What's the plan as those vehicles that are run to the ground? For example, the last fleet truck I used before I left the department was replaced after it died with a little over 130,000 miles on it. Is the plan to replace those with electric trucks? Right now those trucks do not have the towing capacity to tow some of the heavier equipment that's pulled. This can also apply to personal vehicles too. What of those that have their own business that involves towing larger equipment?

I know we are stuck between a rock and a hard place as it seems we have to choose between one or the other. But like I stated, it just doesn't make sense to go with the stricter policy when we aren't built to support either policy really.

It's 2022, and Delaware is still trying to get reliable high speed internet to the whole state. I don't foresee us getting our electrical grids ready to withstand a minimum of 2 cars per household charging throughout the whole state many at the same time (probably after work). I'm not against electric vehicles. Personally, I find the idea of electric vehicles very interesting. But the proof is in the pudding as they say and I can hear plan, plan, plan but those are just words with no action.

I appreciate your time. Hopefully I can run into again sometime at a park event and we can talk about these issues in person.

And thank you, Mr. Krall for relaying this email

-Ian Silva