

STATEMENT OF CLEM DINSMORE AT DNREC ACC2 WORKSHOP
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Good morning. My name is Clem Dinsmore. I am a member of the Delaware Sierra Club and volunteer at the Port of Wilmington's Seamen Center.

I offer two points:

FIRST, I am a weekly witness to the acute air pollution at and surrounding the Port of Wilmington associated with Port operations including the presence of oil fueled ships, decrepit tractors used by the Port operator to move many thousands of intermodal containers within the Port and the huge volume of interstate truck traffic associated with moving bananas, other fruit and other cargo from the Port to their destinations and returning the empty containers to the Port. This air pollution clearly, adversely affects the communities near the Port and the City of Wilmington generally. Pending drayage and interstate truck tractors becoming less polluting the State of Delaware has the immediate opportunity of improving the State's air quality by adopting the ACC2 regulatory standard.

SECOND, adoption of the ACC2 standard will serve the economic self-interests of BOTH Delaware consumers AND Delaware auto dealers, who are rapidly adjusting to the transition from fossil fueled autos and light trucks to electric vehicles. Delaware is a small part of the Mid-Atlantic economy. It, its residents and its auto dealers will benefit from the State adopting air quality standards that are BOTH consistent with those adopted or being adopted by our immediately neighboring States of Maryland and New Jersey AND allow Delaware residents to purchase EV vehicles within the State and Delaware auto dealers to participate in the regional EV market. Such State action will save residents money while increasing EV sales of Delaware auto dealers.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views with you.