



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About the Clean Cars Nevada Draft Proposal

- **What is being proposed?**

The draft Clean Cars Nevada proposal is an initial agency draft regulation that has two parts: the Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) standard and the Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) standard.

- The LEV standard is proposing to adopt rules that require motor vehicle manufacturers to deliver vehicles for sale in the Nevada market that produce lower emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) and other harmful air pollutants, like oxides of nitrogen (NOx), particulate matter (PM), and carbon monoxide (CO).
- The ZEV standard is proposing to set minimum sales goals of electric vehicles as a percentage of all vehicles made available for sale in the Nevada market.

- **Why is this needed?**

Governor Sisolak has directed his administration through [Executive Order 2019-22](#) to evaluate policies and regulatory strategies, including but not limited to those identified pursuant to [Senate Bill 254](#) from the 2019 Legislative Session, to achieve reductions in GHG emissions consistent with [Nevada's commitment as a member of the U.S. Climate Alliance](#). Nevada has set goals of reducing statewide GHG emissions 28% by 2025 and 45% by 2030, compared to 2005 levels. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is evaluating adoption of these emission standards for new motor vehicles sold in Nevada as programs to reduce emissions from the transportation sector, which today accounts for the largest percentage of GHG emissions.

In addition, these new standards would reduce emissions of harmful air pollutants that contribute to ground level smog, especially in Nevada's urban areas.

- **What does this mean when shopping for a new car or light truck?**

If these standards were adopted, all new vehicles offered for sale at dealerships starting in Model Year 2025 would have stronger emissions standards than in most other states. In addition to the types of vehicles commonly offered for sale at dealerships, car buyers would likely see a greater variety of low and zero emission vehicles in dealer showrooms.

- **Will the Zero Emission Vehicle rule require me to buy an electric vehicle?**

No. This rule will require vehicle manufacturers to meet annual sales percentages of zero emission vehicles.

- **When will the new requirements go into effect?**

The proposal will go into effect starting model year 2025 and will affect all subsequent model years. Nevada is also proposing to allow motor vehicle manufacturers to take advantage of early low and zero emission vehicle sales (through the banking of credits) by selling these vehicles in Nevada starting with model year 2023.

- **What if I need a pickup truck for work or towing; will those still be available?**

Yes, work trucks powered by conventional gasoline and diesel engines will still be available for sale in Nevada. It is expected that new zero emission technologies, such as electric vehicles, will soon be offered in the pickup truck and SUV classes.

- **What types of vehicles does this proposal apply to?**

The proposal only applies to passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles up to 8,500 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), and medium-duty passenger vehicles up to 10,000 lbs. GVWR.

- **I thought only the federal government could set vehicle emission standards. Does Nevada have the authority to set these standards?**

Section 177 of the Clean Air Act allows for states to adopt the LEV and ZEV California motor vehicle standards.

- **What is the regulatory adoption process that Nevada must follow to put this proposal into effect?**

The Clean Cars Nevada proposal will need to be adopted as a new regulation by the State Environmental Commission and then the Legislative Commission. But before this happens, NDEP and the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles will go through a process of engagement with the public, stakeholders, manufactures, and dealers. This process will help refine the regulation to ensure a successful implementation.

- **How can members of the public comment on this proposal?**

NDEP is planning several outreach events that are anticipated to take place between August 2020 and March 2021, with additional formal opportunities for input later in 2021. Dates and locations will be announced soon.

Questions and comments can be submitted now to CleanCarsNevada@ndep.nv.gov

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