



October 8, 2013

Secretary Collin O'Mara
DNREC
Office of the Secretary
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Re: 7 Admin. Code Regulation No. 1140 – Low Emission Vehicle Program

Dear Secretary O'Mara

Clean Air Council (Council) is a member supported, regional non-profit organization dedicated for over 46 years to preserve everyone's right to breathe clean air. The Council has members in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Council would like thank DNREC for adopting the California LEV III Program as part of Delaware Low Emission Vehicle Program. That revision is an important step to reducing air pollutants in the state.

From September 14-22 the Council along with 13 other environmental groups hosted Sea Level Rise Awareness activities for the public to learn more about Delaware's particular vulnerability to sea level changes and climate change that is exacerbating the problem. As per your own agency's Vulnerability Assessment, if Delaware experiences a 1.5 meter sea level rise, 11% of the state's land mass would be inundated. Everyone agrees that would devastate Delaware's jobs and economy.

Given that Delaware is a coastal state, it must be a leader to stem sea level rise. That means that Delaware should do everything possible to prevent that fate. That is why it is essential for Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to take the next step to adopt the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) standards.

The citizens of Delaware deserve the best protection from pollution and sea level rise. DNREC has an opportunity to provide that with the measures requested by the environmental community in this public hearing process.

Sincerely,

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Program Director