

Clean Cars Minnesota

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What is Clean Cars Minnesota?

Clean Cars Minnesota, also known as Clean Car Standards, is a package of vehicle emissions standards that will reduce transportation pollution by raising the efficiency of cars and making more zero and low-emission vehicles available for purchase in Minnesota.



Clean Car Standards are part of the Clean Air Act. States, like Minnesota, have the option to follow minimum federal fuel efficiency standards, or voluntarily adopt stronger standards to protect public health and the environment.

What's next?

On September 25th, Governor Walz announced that Minnesota will adopt Clean Car Standards. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is now responsible for writing the rule to make this happen.

Public Comment Period

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is gathering comments from the public to inform how they write the Clean Car Standards rule. The comment period is open until December 6, 2019 at 4:30PM.

Submit a comment online. For instructions, go to <https://www.cctmn.org/public-comment>

Stand up to Big Oil! Leave a public comment!

Clean Cars Minnesota will provide broad public benefits throughout our state. The only group that will clearly lose is the oil and gas industry - which will see demand for their toxic, climate change-causing product decrease.

We know that Big Oil does not work in favor of the public interest. *They will fight hard against this rule with misinformation to confuse and mislead the public*, as they have a history of doing. Help build a public record in favor of cleaner air, public health, and consumer choice.

Every comment that MPCA receives in support of Clean Cars Minnesota demonstrates the public support MPCA needs to move forward with this life-saving rule.

More info on public input available at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/clean-cars-mn-engage>

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Clean Cars Minnesota Benefits Health

- **Cleaner cars means cleaner air.** Air pollution from sources like cars and trucks is full of chemicals that harm human health and contributed to **4,000 deaths last year in our state alone**. Communities overburdened by freeway traffic are especially at risk.
- Communities of color and low-income communities currently bear the brunt of negative health impacts from air pollution. Cleaning up emissions from transportation is **an environmental justice issue**.
- Children, the elderly, and those with preexisting conditions are the most vulnerable to the harmful effects of vehicle emissions. Clean Cars will dramatically reduce these emissions and **help protect our most vulnerable neighbors**.
- Burning less diesel and gas means cleaner water, protecting the **10,000 lakes we love**.

Clean Cars Minnesota Benefits Climate

- Cars and trucks on Minnesota roads are the **#1 source of climate change-causing pollution** in our state and nationally.
- Minnesotans are **already feeling the impacts of a changing climate**. Our winters are warming 13 times faster than our summers and extreme weather is becoming more frequent. If we take no action, Minnesota is on track to **lose our boreal forests by 2070**.
- If we are not proactive, **the effects of climate change will make existing economic and racial inequality much worse**. Clean Car Standards are a critical part of a multi-faceted strategy to ensure that Minnesotans of all races and backgrounds are included in an equitable transition of our transportation, energy, and economy.

Clean Cars Minnesota Provides Consumer Choice

- According to the latest consumer report, about 6 in 10 prospective car buyers in Minnesota are interested in electric vehicles, and **30 percent say they would consider buying or leasing one within the next two years**.
- Of the approximately **51,000 light duty vehicles** on dealer lots in Minnesota, **only about 300 of those are electric vehicles**. This is because zero emission vehicles go to the states that have Clean Car Standards. Clean Cars Minnesota will make more types of vehicles available to purchase for Minnesota consumers.
- **Zero emission vehicles can save Minnesotans money**, with lower maintenance and operating costs. Zero emission vehicles rely on electricity, which has a lower and less volatile price than gasoline, and they do not require oil changes and many other types of maintenance.

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