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## **New York Adopts Advanced Clean Cars II Program**

*New York Electric Vehicle Sales Requirement will Improve Air Quality, Protect Public Health*

**Albany, NY** - [Today](#), New York State became the latest state to adopt the [Advanced Clean Cars II \(ACCII\) Rule](#). This action by the Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) represents a major step to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from the transportation sector, and makes New Yorkers less reliant on expensive and volatile fossil fuels that wreak havoc on our household budgets and economy. The program will slash emissions and improve air quality by accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in New York.

Beginning in model year 2026, the regulation will rapidly decrease emissions from new passenger cars and trucks by requiring an increasing number of those vehicles to be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). ACCII aligns with [legislation \(A.4302/S.2758\)](#) enacted in New York State last year by ensuring that all new passenger cars and trucks sold in the state will be ZEVs by 2035. According to the state's [Draft Scoping Plan](#), the ACCII rule is also a necessary component of New York State's strategy to meet the binding emissions limits required through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The program will also support the development of a robust, used zero-emission vehicle market, while also encouraging ZEV car-share programs and other equity provisions, helping to support equitable access to clean transportation in low-income and frontline communities.

The significant federal investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure guaranteed through the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) and the [Inflation Reduction Act](#) will support New Yorkers in the transition to a fully zero-emission transportation system. At this critical juncture, State lawmakers and regulators must center climate justice and equity, as required by the CLCPA, by ensuring that no New Yorker is left behind in this transition.

"Adopting these common sense standards will help New Yorkers get the zero-polluting cars and trucks they want, while curbing the dangerous tailpipe pollution that harms our families' health. With automakers increasing investments in electric vehicles and expanded federal tax credits kicking in, the transition to a cleaner future is accelerating quickly. This action by New York will help fuel the transition," said **Kathy Harris, Clean Vehicles and Fuels Advocate at NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)**. "New Yorkers can see the impacts of climate change now and have consistently called for bold action, which makes today's announcement essential. There is a clear commitment from New York to move clean car standards forward, which is what our communities deserve."

“We’re pleased to see New York in the vanguard of states from across the country that are adopting the Advanced Clean Cars II program to reduce toxic vehicle pollution and protect public health,” **said Jessica Enzmann, Senior Organizing Representative with the Sierra Club.** “Our communities are suffering under the clutch of the climate crisis, and we cannot slow it down without addressing one of our top polluting sectors – transportation. This regulation will help deliver cleaner air to communities and drive down emissions.”

“The sale of polluting, gas-powered vehicles has no place in New York’s climate future, and we’re proud to see our state join leaders across the country in phasing out the sale and use of these cars,” **said Jaqi Cohen, Director of Climate and Equity Policy at Tri State Transportation Campaign.** “Recent severe weather events across New York have only further demonstrated the need for bold action to be taken to tackle climate change, and we applaud Governor Hochul for taking this necessary and important action to significantly reduce emissions from New York’s transportation sector.”

"The Empire State took an important step today by adopting these clean car rules -- demonstrating once again what climate and clean air leadership looks like in the Northeast," **said Paulina Muratore, Transportation Campaign Manager with the Union of Concerned Scientists.** “The transportation sector remains a major source of heat-trapping climate emissions in New York, and a contributor to inequitable exposure to harmful air pollution. Together with additional policies, these new rules pave the road to zero tailpipe emissions."

“Right on the heels of finalizing New York’s nation-leading Climate Scoping Plan, we are pleased to see New York move forward with this necessary first step towards zeroing out emissions from passenger cars and trucks,” **said Alok Disa, Senior Research and Policy Analyst with Earthjustice.** “The Hochul administration must now focus on ensuring a smooth transition away from combustion vehicles, one that centers workers and environmental justice, and developing a plan to implement the other policies outlined in the scoping plan to progress towards a 100% zero-emissions transportation future.”

“We applaud the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for taking the critical step of adopting the Advanced Clean Cars II program. The program will accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles, help the State reach the climate targets outlined in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, and improve air quality, especially for low-income communities and communities of color,” **said Kevin Garcia, the Transportation Planner with the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance.** “Complementary policies, including targeted incentives, zero-emission vehicle purchase requirements for government-owned fleets, and fast charger deployment in rural and urban communities, are necessary to guarantee the targets are met, but adopting this program is a step in the right direction.”

“Governor Hochul and the Department of Environmental Conservation are wasting no time implementing New York’s historic Climate Action plan. Passenger vehicles with no emissions will lower carbon, smog, and soot pollution in our air and improve the health and well-being of every New Yorker. As New York adopts these rules, the Governor and the Legislature must make sure we use every resource on the table to make electric vehicles accessible for all,” **said Conor Bambrick, Director of Climate Policy for Environmental Advocates NY.**

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*ElectrifyNY is a statewide coalition of advocates for environmental justice, public transportation, social justice, and good jobs fighting for a clean, equitable electric transportation future for New York. Our work aims to improve the environment and public health outcomes for the communities most affected by the negative impacts of the transportation sector's dependency on fossil fuels.*