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I support Ecology's proposed rules, CH. 173-423 WAC- Clean Vehicles Program, and Ch. 173-400 WAC, regarding air pollution regulation.

We need to comply with the Motor Vehicle Emission standards law (RCW 70.30.010) which requires WA to adopt California vehicle emissions standards. But it is also very important to me that we hasten the transition away from fossil fuels to EVs, since transportation is the main source of GHG pollution in our state. Most of the concerns about EVs being too expensive are misguided: the prices are coming down, and people will save money from fuel and maintenance costs, not to mention health care costs.

I also support Ch. 173-400 WAC, General Regulations for Air Pollution Source because air quality has become more of a problem with the extra burden of smoke from fires, and ozone as temperatures increase due to climate change. We have had many days of poor air quality the Tri-Cities and I am concerned for the children and the elderly who live here.