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Clean Car Standards



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- Mayor Chávez has recommended adoption of a Clean Car standard in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.
- Car and truck emissions are regulated by the federal Clean Air Act.
- Individual states and delegated local air quality authorities, such as the City of Albuquerque, have the option to adopt a stricter “California”, or “Clean Car” standard that sets more stringent emissions requirements for passenger cars and trucks than the federal regulations.
- Stricter standards mean better air quality, health benefits, and reduced emission of greenhouse gasses.

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- The clean car standard will apply to *new* vehicles in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County beginning in Model Year 2011.
- Car manufacturers will be required to supply Albuquerque and Bernalillo County car dealerships with new vehicles that meet the Clean Car standard.
- Car purchasers will still have a wide range of vehicles to choose from, including cars, trucks, and SUVs.
- The average *clean car* in Model Year 2011 will be **50-98% cleaner** than the average 2003 car and will cost less to maintain.

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The Clean Car standard will regulate the following car and truck emissions:

- Non-methane organic gases
- Carbon monoxide
- Oxides of nitrogen
- Particulate matter
- Greenhouse gases
 - Carbon dioxide
 - Methane
 - Nitrous oxide
 - HFC-134a, also called R-134a (an air conditioning refrigerant)



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These states have already adopted the Clean Car Standard:

- California
- Connecticut
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- New York
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- Washington

These states are in the process of adopting the Clean Car Standard:

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Florida
- Minnesota
- New Mexico
- Tennessee
- Utah