

TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITS

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Policy Problem Assignment III

Low Emission Vehicles: The Pursuit of a Regional Program

Assignment: You are a staff analyst to the Assistant EPA Administrator for Air and Radiation Mary Nichols. She has asked you to prepare a memo that evaluates the OTC LEV program and the counterproposal from the automobile industry, the Fed LEV program. The memo should provide guidance on whether or not to adopt the OTC recommendations and impose the OTC LEV program on member states.

- How should the EPA rule with regards to the OTC recommendation?
- Should the ZEV mandate be an integral part of the proposed standards?
- How should the EPA deal with the Fed LEV option?

Your memo should be no longer than 8 – 10 pages.

Grading Criteria: Your paper will be graded based upon the integration and effective use of concepts in the readings, lectures and discussions to the case fact pattern. In addition, your paper will be evaluated based upon the clarity of presentation, e.g., effective argument, clear writing.