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## **Trump Readies Radical Increase in U.S. Auto Emissions**

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While the nation is mostly preoccupied with the imminent threats of COVID-19, the Trump gang is quietly planning to announce a major cut back in fuel efficiency standards across the United States.

According to the proposals which are reportedly just about ready to relax what had been an aggressive 2012 rolled out by the Obama administration to minimize carbon emissions from U.S. cars and trucks.

That original plan forced American auto manufacturers to increase fuel efficiencies by 5% per year, starting with the 2021 model year. Under that plan, the car makers would have delivered a minimum 54.5 miles per gallon average fuel efficiency as of 2025.

Under the new Trump plan, auto makers only have to achieve a 1.5% per year increase in fuel efficiency. Compounded forward, that means the manufacturers would only have to deliver an average 40 mpg number.

The advantage for consumers is that less stringent fuel economy standards should result in slightly less expensive cars than in the new plan.

The bad news for the planet is that allowing for cars to pollute by such a larger amount than proposed under Obama will dump a lot more carbon into the atmosphere. According to a study by the Environmental Defense Fund, the increase amounts to some 1.5 billion metric tons more of greenhouse gas emissions over the next five years. That is about the same amount of carbon kicked into the atmosphere by 68 coal plants over the same five-year period.

The new rule change, which goes by the odd title of the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles rule, a name which for the most part does not apply to the act, is expected to be published in days. EPA spokeswoman Corry Schiermeyer said that, “This rule when finalized will benefit all Americans by improving the U.S. fleet’s fuel economy, reducing air pollution, making new vehicles more affordable for all Americans and save lives.”

As expected, environmentalists from many organizations decried the new standards as wasteful, toxic to the health of people and the planet, and unnecessary.

Chester France, a former senior official at the Obama-era Environmental Protection Agency, said that the Trump gang was creating “a rule to damage public health. In this crisis, it’s unconscionable.”

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In an attempt to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe moved to declare a state of emergency and five additional prefectures.

To mitigate the risk of coronavirus spread, Wisconsin Government officials call on state Health Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to restrict in-person voting.

Spain is on record as of all nations having the highest number of deaths per million from the coronavirus. While the record may stand, it is finally seeing a strong downward trend in the total number of new deaths per day.

While every other financial group of substance has certainly been talking about it privately, the Chinese central bank has become the first to say the previously unsayable. We are dangerously close to a “Great Depression”.

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