

PREFACE

In 1994, California adopted a voluntary accelerated vehicle retirement program as part of its State Implementation Plan for Ozone. Though unfunded, the program proposes to buy and scrap 75,000 vehicles that are 15 years old or older every year from 2001 through 2010. The research described in this report evaluates this program. The study is the first to examine programs of this type by developing market-based predictions of how vehicle prices and emissions will be affected while directly accounting for in-migration of older vehicles.

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