

Re the proposed new fuel efficiency standards and our oil shortage situation: in Orange County California we have hundreds of Hummer H1 or H1 driven by one person (most of the time) around town. In my view, these vehicles epitomize the selfishness which is going on in the affluent parts of our society. Not only their gas mileage is low, but they encourage others to buy other huge vehicles so that in case of an accident they are not too vulnerable, and so on. It's time to come to terms with the huge shortage of oil.

I was shocked to read in Time Magazine that under the new rules the Hummer H2's will continue to be exempt because they are classified as commercial. In our neck of the woods I have never seen a commercial H2, so please reconsider. I also think that the new rules are too lenient and that they would take effect too late. I would like to propose a special \$10,000 tax for anybody buying a gas guzzler (like the Luxury Tax we used to have) effective July 2006.

Thank you,

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