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ENVIRONMENTAL BATTLE

State fights for clean air rules

Officials file suit against Trump's attempt to overturn emissions standards and more

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In the latest chapter of a long battle between California and President Donald Trump over environmental rules, California on Monday sued the Trump administration to preserve the state's strict emissions standards that require more electric cars

and trucks, and also ban the sale of new gasoline-powered garden tools — from leaf blowers to chainsaws to lawn mowers.

"While President Trump may be content to pollute our air, threaten vulnerable communities and kick workers to the curb, California is not," state Attorney General Rob Bonta said. "We refuse to allow Trump and the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency to claw us back into the smog."

Bonta and environmental groups said the regulations are key to helping California continue to reduce harmful smog that worsens asthma, emphysema and heart disease. They also reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, heat waves and wildfires.

Trump, on the other hand, has worked systematically since his

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California officials sued the Trump administration Monday to preserve emissions standards that require more electric cars and trucks and bans the sale of gas-powered garden tools, such as leaf blowers. SARAH DUSSAULT — STAFF ARCHIVES

'TRANSITION CAN BE REALLY DIFFICULT'

Making the difficult call to stop driving



Crystal Calhoun, 69, of San Jose, rides a VTA ACCESS vehicle to head to her job at Levi's Stadium for the World Cup on Friday. Many services are available for elderly people who don't want to drive. PHOTOS BY DAI SUGANO — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

As the number of older drivers increases, experts say recognizing warning signs is crucial for knowing when to take the keys or discuss safety issues

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Anna, who asked to be identified only by her middle name because she fears her mother would disown her if she learned the truth, still hasn't told her mom that she sparked an investigation into her driving last year.

"She still brings it up," Anna said. "She's just pissed."

Anna's mother, then 85, was living with chronic pain and memory problems that were making it harder to drive safely. She could barely turn her neck, and a series of minor crashes, including twice backing into the concrete barriers protecting gas pumps, convinced Anna that something had to change.

Many families face these difficult conversations about when it is time for a loved one to stop driving and how to keep them safe if they refuse to give up the keys. Drivers over 65 hold nearly 19% of all California driver's licenses.



Calhoun's car, which she no longer drives, sits in her San Jose driveway. She uses VTA ACCESS because she doesn't want to "be dependent on my family" for getting around to places.

And as the population ages, that number is expected to grow.

Over the past decade, the number of motor-vehicle deaths involving drivers aged 65 and older has increased by 33%, according to the National Safety Council. While older drivers are involved in fewer crashes than younger and middle-aged drivers, they are more likely to be seriously injured or killed when a crash

occurs.

One option family members like Anna have taken is to submit a request for driver re-examination through the DMV. The confidential form allows relatives, physicians, law enforcement officers and others to report concerns about a driver's physical or cognitive ability to operate a vehicle safely. Age alone is not enough to spark a review.

The DMV reviews the information and may require the driver to undergo a phone interview, provide medical documentation or appear for a re-examination hearing. If the concerns are grave enough, drivers may have as little as five days to respond to a DMV letter requesting re-examination. The driver is not told who requested the review.

After examining the file, the DMV may choose to take no action, allowing the driver to keep their license without further review if their record or complaint do not suggest a problem. However, drivers who are flagged as potentially dangerous may be scheduled for re-examination, have limits — such as daytime-only driving — added to their record or lose their license.

A DMV spokesperson declined to be interviewed for this story and wouldn't say how often these requests for re-examination are made and how often licenses are

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MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL

Vance touts progress with Iranian leadership

Vice president says a 'good foundation' has been created

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OBBERG, Switzerland — Vice President JD Vance on Monday said his lengthy talks with senior Iranian officials in Switzerland created a "good foundation for a successful final deal" as they seek a permanent end to the war that the U.S. and Israel began in late February.

Vance and U.S. officials claimed progress on multiple fronts, including the establishment of "mechanisms" to ensure the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for global energy shipments, stays open and to address fighting between Israel and Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants in southern Lebanon, where a ceasefire appeared to be holding.

The interim deal to end the fighting in Iran, signed last week by the leaders of the U.S. and Iran, sets a 60-day period for negotiations on key issues, including

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OBITUARY

Former Fed chief Alan Greenspan dies at age 100

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At his swearing-in ceremony as chair of the Federal Reserve last month, Kevin M. Warsh singled out just one of his predecessors as a role model for running a central bank: Alan Greenspan, who led the Fed for nearly two decades before stepping down in 2006.

"Like Alan, I intend to fill the role of chairman with energy and purpose, just the way Chairman Greenspan did, faithful to the mission and the very best traditions of the Fed," Warsh said in his first remarks in the top job.

Greenspan died Monday at age 100. But Warsh, who has vowed to lead a "reform-oriented" Fed, is carrying on his legacy in a number of important ways. That spans how the Fed communicates about its plans for interest rates to the data it ascribes the most weight to make policy decisions.

Greenspan's tenure earned him plaudits on Monday across Wall Street and Washington. In its own statement, the Fed celebrated him for



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