



## “When Will We Ever Learn, When Will We Ever Learn?” 10/01/22

Has anyone asked how many E.V.s were on the road during Florida’s mandatory evacuation? Remember the order is given to save lives.

There are evacuation areas where a mandated order will certainly occur periodically, a lot like our Strategic Petroleum Reserve. N.Y., Texas, Florida, and Massachusetts are some examples. There is a movement underway in many states to ban the gasoline-powered car. G.M. and a number of other manufactures are planning to produce only electric vehicles sometime after 2030. Toyota is the only major holdout.

Has anyone at the state or federal level evaluated what things might look like when there is a substantial increase in the number of E.V.’s on the road? The lines to charge the cars (assuming no power outages or problems with operation of the chargers) given the gridlock on the roads could stretch longer than the lines to leave the evacuated areas. Cars stalled on the roads would only add to gridlock.

Mandated evacuation orders are given to save lives. Think about having to pull over, find a charging station and then wait in line for 1, 2, 3, or more hours to charge your battery when you need to get out of the area in a hurry.

We are rolling the dice but every outcome comes up snake eyes. Maybe what we need is a new slogan: a chicken in every pot and a gasoline powered car in every garage.

The SPR is designed to prevent major economic damage to the economy from a supply disruption that occurs periodically. Maybe what we need is the equivalent of the SPR for charging stations along known evacuation routes. The Department of Transportation and FEMA need to look into this with state and local cooperation.