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Preface

The Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), at the request of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, initiated a comparative study of automobile fuel efficiency and the technology of alternative energy sources. The assessment, "Synthetic Fuels for Transportation," will be completed in early 1982. Included in that analysis are the assessment of automobile engines, other vehicle systems, and electric and hybrid vehicles.

This contractor report was prepared by the General Research Corp., under the direction of Dr. D. P. Maxfield, as technical input to the OTA study. It deals with electric and hybrid vehicle systems and their possible benefits and impacts.

OTA does not necessarily agree or disagree with the contents of this contractor report, but feels that the material will be helpful to those who are interested in the detailed issues of electrification of transportation.

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