General Motors Co Chief Executive Mary Barra offers some pas sive advice that the auto industry is experiencing a ‘Moment of Truth’ that will determine the future of the industry. With $54 billion in sales, GM is the world’s largest automaker. But the company is facing a series of challenges that could ultimately erode its profits, before interest and taxes, in its North American operations. As of now, he said, GM does not have a cog nitive approach to addressing the issue of pollution. “We think it’s important to be transparent with customers,” he said. “We are the right company to lead this transition.”

The AutoCare Organization, which represents independent shops and service centers, said in a statement that the new rule will help ensure that vehicle emissions are reduced and that the environment is protected. “We appreciate the efforts of the state and federal governments to implement a comprehensive plan to address this issue,” said Pat McClure, chairman and CEO of the AutoCare Organization.

The Trump administration is revamping a key part of the Clean Air Act that sets standards for vehicles, which are becoming increasingly fuel efficient. The new rule would allow automakers to sell vehicles with more fuel efficient engines and lower emissions. The rule is expected to take effect in 2020.

The move has been met with criticism from environmental groups, who argue that it would undermine the United States’ commitment to combat climate change. Some states and cities have already taken steps to require automakers to sell more fuel efficient vehicles.

The rule also risks being overturned in court, as it has been challenged by several states and environmental groups. The Trump administration has promised to provide a legal defense for the rule, but it remains unclear how long it will take for the legal challenge to be resolved.

In the meantime, automakers are expected to continue investing in electric vehicles and other technologies to reduce emissions. The Trump administration is expected to announce its plans for future vehicle emissions standards in the coming months.

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Focus

SAUDI-IRAN CRISIS, ECONOMIC NEUTRALITY, OMAN ECONOMY

Caught between two vest pockets locked in a fierce regional struggle, Oman has long been a neutral player in the Gulf. But as the West looks to Oman for help in the war against ISIS, the country finds itself in a difficult position.

The conflict has been tearing through the region for years, with the U.S. and other Western powers supporting a coalition of Arab countries led by Saudi Arabia. The coalition's goal is to defeat ISIS, which is based in Iraq and Syria.

The U.S. has been a key player in the conflict, providing military aid and training to the coalition. But the war has also been marked by a bitter rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, two of the world's largest oil producers.

Oman, a small country located on the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, is trying to stay out of the regional conflict. But the country's economy is already facing challenges, with low oil prices and a slowdown in the global economy.

The country's government has been working to diversify its economy, investing in sectors such as tourism and finance. But the war in Yemen, just across the Gulf, has also hurt Oman's economy.

The country's leaders have been trying to maintain good relations with both Saudi Arabia and Iran, but it's a delicate balancing act. Oman has long been a neutral player in the Gulf, but the war has forced the country to take sides.

The situation is likely to remain tense for some time, with the conflict in Yemen showing no signs of slowing down. Oman's leaders will have to work hard to maintain their country's neutrality, while also addressing its own economic challenges.