

Preparing for VW Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds

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VW ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION FUNDS

Vermont seeks public input and preliminary project ideas for the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Funds

Welcome to Vermont's VW Mitigation Trust page. This page provides basic information about the VW Mitigation Trust and how Vermont can use its Trust allocation once it's available. We are also interested in hearing comments and answering questions from the public and interested stakeholders. Also, please check this page often for updates on the status of the Mitigation Trust, additional information, and specific areas where Vermont is seeking input. Use the email contact listed below to submit your contact information so that we can add your name to a distribution list for updates and information. Thank you for your interest and participation.

[Request for Public Input](#) [Additional Information](#)

Background

On June 28, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice filed with the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, a [proposed settlement](#) that partially resolves claims that Volkswagen (VW) violated the Clean Air Act by the sale of approximately 500,000 vehicles containing 2.0 liter diesel engines equipped with devices designed to defeat emission controls. On October 25, 2016, the Court approved the partial settlement and entered a partial Consent Decree requiring VW to:

1. buy back or modify emission controls on at least 85 percent of the subject vehicles,
2. invest \$2 billion to promote the use of zero emission vehicles and infrastructure, and
3. establish and fund a \$2.7 billion environmental mitigation trust.

In late December of 2016, a [settlement involving similar claims](#) for 83,000 3.0 liter diesel engines equipped with defeat devices was reached, which includes an additional \$225 million towards the environmental mitigation trust.

Preliminary Proposals and Questions

Primary Goal: reduce NOx emissions in a cost-beneficial way (\$/lb. of NOx reduced), consider co-benefits of NOx reduction

Utilize the full 15% of funding available for development of EV charging infrastructure

How should emissions benefits from projects be calculated?

Preliminary Proposals and Questions

Prioritize projects demonstrating other statewide energy, environmental and economic development goals

Require government entities to provide some project cost share to ensure maximum benefits & cost-effective expenditure

Consider project proposals from all Eligible Mitigation Project categories

Thank you!

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