



**RHODE ISLAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

June 4, 2019

VW Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries, PR and DC  
Mr. Russell Crane, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
c/o Wilmington Trust, N.A. as Trustee  
Rodney Square North  
110 North Market Street  
Wilmington, Delaware 19890

Re: State of Rhode Island VW Settlement- Semiannual Report  
Reporting Period: December 6, 2018 to June 6, 2019

Dear Mr. Crane,

On January 29, 2018, Wilmington Trust (the "Trustee") filed a Notice of Beneficiary Designation with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the "Court"), designating Rhode Island as a Beneficiary of the State Trust. Rhode Island's first funding request was approved by the Trustee on November 30, 2018.

On December 6, 2018, Rhode Island's first disbursement of Trust Assets occurred, beginning Rhode Island's Reporting Obligations to the Trustee. As required by paragraph 5.3 the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries (VW State Trust) we provide this first report on the status of each Eligible Mitigation Action approved for funding through Rhode Island's allotment of VW State Trust funds. Specifically, Rhode Island's Reporting Obligations include:

1. A description on progress implementing each Eligible Mitigation Action during the period leading up to the reporting date;
2. A complete description of the status (including actual or projected termination date), development, implementation, and any modifications of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action.

Rhode Island is grouping all updates on our approved Eligible Mitigation Actions into this submittal.

This information is true and correct and the submission is made under penalty of perjury. Please feel free to contact me at 401-222-2808 ext. 7143 or by email at [laurie.grandchamp@dem.ri.gov](mailto:laurie.grandchamp@dem.ri.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources

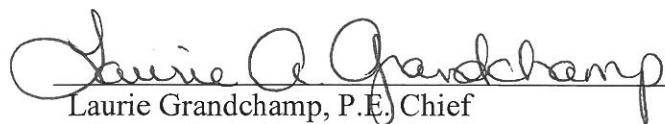
<b>Payee Recipient:</b>	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)
<b>Action Title:</b>	Administrative Costs
<b>Reporting Period Covered:</b>	December 6, 2018 – June 6, 2019

<b>Workplan Budget</b>	<b>RIDEM</b>
Running Total of VW Settlement Funds Received:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Obligated:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Expended:	\$51,466.31
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$164,066.56

<b>Summary of Total VW Funds Expended</b>	
*Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits. Covering RIDEM Payroll: February 9, 2018 – May 3, 2019	
	<b>Total Funds Expended</b>
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$20,067.05
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$12,757.70
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$51,466.31</b>

<b>Projected Future Administrative Expenses</b>					
<b>Total VW Funds On Hand</b>	<b>FY19 (May 4, 2019 – June 30, 2019)</b>	<b>FY20 (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020)</b>	<b>FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)</b>	<b>FY22 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)</b>	<b>FY23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)</b>
\$164,066.56	\$8,500	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$35,500

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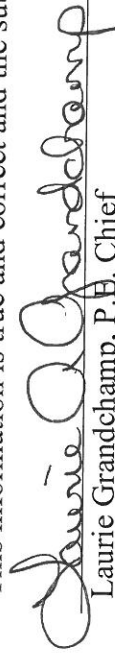
<b>Payee Recipient:</b>	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)
<b>Action Title:</b>	Public Transit Bus Replacement Project
<b>Reporting Period Covered:</b>	December 6, 2018 – June 6, 2019

<b>Workplan Budget</b>	<b>RIPTA</b>
Running Total of VW Settlement Funds Received:	\$2,776,338
Total VW Funds Obligated:	\$2,776,338
Total VW Funds Expended:	\$109,171
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$2,667,167

<b>Summary of Costs (FY19- September 2018- May 3, 2019)</b>							
	Totals		Vehicle Replacement Funds		Administrative Costs		Notes
	Total Funds Obligated	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
Eligible Mitigation Actions							
RIPTA Electric Bus Program	\$2,776,338	\$109,171	\$2,567,115	\$109,171	\$209,223	\$ -	
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<b>Project Narrative</b>	
<b>Eligible Mitigation Actions</b>	<b>Public Transit Bus Replacement Project</b>
Three vehicle pilot electric bus program and purchase of up to 20 electric buses	Funds have been obligated for a portion of Phase I of the RIPTA zero emissions vehicle project, a lease with option to buy three all-electric transit buses and associated charging equipment. To date, three buses have been received, RIPTA equipment has been installed on the buses, and the vehicle acceptance process is underway. Funds expended reflect charging infrastructure associated with these all-electric vehicles. The pilot program will continue through 2021. Phase II, purchase of up to 20 electric buses, will begin later this year and continue through 2026.

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