



## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

### OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES

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Providence, Rhode Island 02908

January 31, 2022

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- 5th Semiannual Report  
Reporting Period: July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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 [funding requests](#) were approved by the Trustee prior to this submission.

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 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. 277143 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>	June 20, 2021 – December 18, 2021

<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:	\$169,252.36
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$46,280.51

<b>Summary of Total VW Funds Expended</b>		
<b>*Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits.</b>		
<b>Covering RIDEM Payroll: February 9, 2018 – Dec 18, 2021</b>		
	<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	
	<b>RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 06/19/2021</b>	<b>RIDEM Payroll 06/20/2021 – 12/18/2021</b>
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$56,224.23	\$7,972.27
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$83,270.95	\$3,143.35
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56	\$0
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$158,136.74</b>	<b>\$11,115.62</b>

<b>Projected Future Administrative Expenses</b>		
<b>Total VW Funds On Hand</b>	<b>FY22 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)</b>	<b>FY23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)</b>
\$46,280.51	\$25,000.00	\$21,280.51

This information is true and correct and the submission is made under penalty of perjury.



Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources

1/25/2022  
Date

VW Settlement Decree - Semi-Annual report document

Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority  
 Action Title: Public Transit Bus Replacement Project  
 Reporting Period: July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 5,695,338  
 Interest Earned \$ 42,276  
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 2,595,883  
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 3,141,731

Summary of Costs							
Eligible Mitigation Actions	Totals		Vehicle Replacement Funds		Administrative Costs		Notes
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
RIPTA Electric Bus Program	\$ 5,695,338	\$ 2,595,883	\$ 5,486,115	\$ 2,565,448	\$ 209,223	\$ 30,435	
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Project Narrative	
Eligible Mitigation Actions	Public Transit Bus Replacement Project
Three vehicle pilot electric bus program and purchase of up to 20 electric buses	<p>Progress continues to be made on Phase II of RIPTA's Zero-Emissions Vehicle Pilot Program. The Authority executed the order for 14 battery-electric buses with New Flyer on December 6th, 2021. The first bus is in production and is expected to be ready for inspection at the factory by staff by the first week of April. Upon approval, the manufacturer will begin the assembly of the remaining 13, with the first of those being completed and ready for delivery in the first week of August. All deliveries, assuming production schedules remain on target, should be done by December 2022. Since the last report, RIPTA has finished the procurement of a contractor to build the in-line charging facility located at the southern terminus of RIPTA's bus route with the highest frequency and ridership. RIPTA and the hired contractor will be holding a kickoff meeting in January and full construction is slated to begin in the spring. Although the in-line chargers will be the primary means of powering the buses, a series of depot-based chargers will be installed this year so that we have a power source online upon the arrival of the first bus. The depot chargers will only be used if a bus requires a top up of power overnight in advance of their first scheduled charging activity at the in-line facility.</p>

  
 Christopher Durand, Chief Financial Officer  
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

1/20/22  
 Date

  
 Greg Nordin, Chief of Strategic Advancement  
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

1/21/22  
 Date

  
 Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief  
 RI Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources

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VW Settlement Decree - Semi-Annual report document

Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Action Title: Electrify RI

Reporting Period: July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 1,867,952  
 Interest Earned \$ -  
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 876,978  
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 990,975

Summary of Costs									
	Totals		EVSE Funds		Administrative Costs		Notes		
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended			
Eligible Mitigation Actions									
Electrify RI	\$ 1,867,952	\$ 876,978	\$ 729,132	\$ 707,868	\$ 251,843	\$ 169,110			
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Project Narrative  
 Electrify RI

Electrify RI is an electric vehicle (EV) charging station incentive program, administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), that seeks to make more charging stations accessible to Rhode Island drivers. The increased availability of charging stations will encourage state residents and business to make the switch to electric vehicles in order to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions and pollutants. This \$1.4 million incentive program is funding the installation of new EV charging stations - including Level II and Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) - at Rhode Island workplaces, multi-unit dwellings, and publicly-accessible locations. Incentives are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

- As of December 31, 2021:
- Level II EVSE:
  - Publicly-Accessible Program 66 Charging Stations projects completed
  - 6 Charging Stations projects currently in process
- Workplace Program 8 Charging Stations projects completed
- Multi-Unit Dwellings Program 14 Charging Stations projects completed
- DCFC:
  - 13 Charging Stations projects completed
  - 12 Charging Stations projects in process

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Nicholas Ucci, Acting Commissioner  
 Office of Energy Resources

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