



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES

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July 28, 2022

VW Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries, PR and DC
Mr. Mike Bochanski Jr., 5th 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- 7th Semiannual Report
Reporting Period: January 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022

Dear Mr. Bochanski,

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 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources

Payee Recipient:	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)
Action Title:	Administrative Costs
Reporting Period Covered:	December 19, 2021 – June 18, 2022

Workplan Budget	RIDEM
Running Total of VW Settlement Funds Received:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Obligated:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Expended:	\$189,638.80
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$25,894.07

Summary of Total VW Funds Expended		
*Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits.		
Covering RIDEM Payroll: February 9, 2018 – June 18, 2022		
	Total Funds Expended	
	RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 12/18/2021	RIDEM Payroll 12/19/2021 – 06/18/2022
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$64,196.50	\$7,482.76
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$86,414.30	\$12,903.68
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56	\$0
TOTALS:	\$169,252.36	\$20,386.44

Projected Future Administrative Expenses	
Total VW Funds On Hand	FY23 (July 1, 2022 – December 2022)
\$25,894.07	\$25,000.00

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

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Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Action Title: Electrify RI

Reporting Period: January 3, 2022 - June 30, 2022

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 1,867,952
 Interest Earned \$
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 1,013,923
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 854,029

	Summary of Costs						Notes
	Totals		EVSE Funds		Administrative Costs		
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
Eligible Mitigation Actions Electrify RI	\$ 1,867,952	\$ 1,013,923	\$ 629,132	\$ 807,868	\$ 224,897	\$ 206,055	
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Project Narrative	
Electrify RI	
<p>Electrify RI is an electric vehicle (EV) charging station incentive program, administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (RI 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As of June 30, 2022</p> <p>Level II EVSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly - Accessible Program 166 Charging Stations projects completed 6 Charging Stations projects currently in process <p>Workplace Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Charging Stations projects completed <p>Multi-Unit Dwellings Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 Charging Stations projects completed <p>DCFC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Charging Stations projects completed 10 Charging Stations projects in process 	

Terrill L Brooks
 Terrill Brooks, Administrator
 Financial Management
 Office of Energy Resources

Christopher Kearns
 Christopher Kearns, Interim Commissioner
 Office of Energy Resources

Laurie Grandchamp July 28, 2022

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Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
 Action Title: Public Transit Bus Replacement Project
 Reporting Period: January 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 5,695,338
 Interest Earned \$ (15,831)
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 2,600,853
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 3,078,654

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	\$ 2,600,853	\$ 5,486,115	\$ 2,565,448	\$ 209,223	\$ 35,405	
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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 Pilot Program. The Authority executed the order of 14 battery-electric buses with New Flyer on December 6th, 2021. The first bus has been delivered following acceptance in April. New Flyer has begun to assemble the remaining 13, with the first of these being completed and ready for delivery in mid-August. All deliveries, assuming production schedules remain on target, should be done by December 2022.</p> <p>In our previous report, we finished the procurement for a contractor to design and build the in-line charging facility located at the southern terminus of RIPTA's R Line bus route which has the most frequency and highest ridership. The project was kicked off with a meeting between RIPTA and BOND Civil and Utility Construction in January. Design activities were substantially completed in June and full construction is slated to begin on August 9, 2022. Although the in-line chargers will be the primary means of powering the buses, a series of depot-based mobile chargers and supporting electrical infrastructure will be installed later this year in the 269 Melrose Street facility. This work has commenced by awarded contractor, Nolin Electric, Inc.</p> <p>RIPTA wants to note that construction is dynamic and that there may be risks and impacts that occur throughout the course of the project and will address them accordingly. We, like many others, are experiencing supply chain issues that have an inadvertent impact on project delivery timelines. Both BOND Civil & Utility and Nolin Electric have informed us that they're witnessing this and are working as hard as possible to mitigate risks.</p>

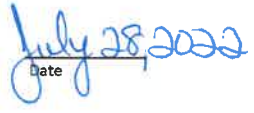
 Christopher Durand, Chief Financial Officer
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

 Date

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

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


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