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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

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Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust  
for State Beneficiaries, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia  
c/o Wilmington Trust, N.A. as Trustee  
1100 North Market Street  
Wilmington, DE 19890

Attn: Capital Markets & Agency Services

Re: State Beneficiary Semi-Annual Report

Dear Wilmington Trust, N.A.:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Lead Agency for administering the funds allocated to Texas under the Volkswagen State Environmental Trust, provides this semi-annual report to Wilmington Trust, N.A. (Trustee) in accordance with Section 5.3 of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries.

TCEQ's third semi-annual report includes steps taken to implement all Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) Eligible Mitigation Actions for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021.

### **I. Status of Approved Eligible Mitigation Actions**

The status of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action is provided below. A summary of projects awarded under the Eligible Mitigation Actions is provided as **Attachment A**.

#### **Class 4 - 8 School Buses, Shuttle Buses, and Transit Buses**

TCEQ accepted applications under this grant round from May 8, 2019 through May 8, 2020. TCEQ awarded over \$56 million for 83 projects, including the repower or replacement of 722 buses and over 428 tons of mitigated nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions.

During this reporting period, TCEQ verified the proper destruction of 198 buses and processed 24 reimbursement requests totaling \$14,336,195 for the purchase of newer models. Reimbursements were disbursed by Wilmington Trust, N.A. via check, as directed by TCEQ.

#### **Class 7 - 8 Refuse Vehicles**

TCEQ accepted applications under this grant round from October 8, 2019 through January 27, 2021.

During this reporting period, TCEQ awarded over \$1 million for 12 projects including the repower or replacement of 29 refuse vehicles and over 35 tons of mitigated NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. TCEQ also verified the proper destruction of 12 refuse vehicles and processed nine reimbursement requests totaling \$1,107,882 for the purchase of newer models. Reimbursements were disbursed by Wilmington Trust, N.A. via check, as directed by TCEQ.

#### **Class 4 - 7 Local Freight Trucks & Class 8 Local Freight Trucks and Port Drayage Trucks**

TCEQ accepted applications under this grant round beginning February 6, 2020 through January 27, 2021.

During this reporting period, TCEQ awarded over \$1 million for 11 projects including the repower or replacement of 49 freight trucks and port drayage trucks and over 102 tons of mitigated NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. TCEQ also verified the proper destruction of five freight trucks and port drayage trucks and processed five reimbursement requests totaling \$240,171.

#### **Light-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Supply Equipment**

TCEQ began accepting applications under this grant round on February 6, 2020. TCEQ will continue to accept applications through October 8, 2021.

During this reporting period, TCEQ awarded \$427,500 for 53 projects including the purchase and installation of 168 LEVEL 2 charging stations in public areas, workplaces, and multi-unit residences.

## **II. Summary of Expenditures for Approved Eligible Mitigation Actions**

A summary of project and administrative expenditures for each Eligible Mitigation Action is provided as **Attachment B**.

## **III. Future Implementation of Eligible Mitigation Actions**

Below is a tentative schedule for the implementation of the remaining Eligible Mitigation Actions. Progress on the implementation of these Mitigation Action Categories will be provided in future reports.

| <b>Eligible Mitigation Action</b>                  | <b>Total Funding Amount</b> | <b>Tentative Opening Date</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Light-Duty ZEV Supply Equipment - DC Fast Charge   | \$20.9M                     | <i>Fall 2021</i>              |
| Electric Airport Ground Support Equipment          | \$16.8M                     | <i>Spring 2022</i>            |
| Electric Forklifts & Port Cargo-Handling Equipment | \$16.8M                     | <i>Spring 2022</i>            |
| Ocean-Going Vessel Shore Power                     | \$1.9M                      | <i>TBD</i>                    |

## **IV. Additional Information**

TCEQ invites you to visit [www.txvfund.org](http://www.txvfund.org) for additional information on the implementation of the Eligible Mitigation Actions under the TxVEMP.

## **V. Attestation**

I, Jon Niermann, being the duly authorized, qualified, and current Chairman of the TCEQ for the State Beneficiary of Texas, do hereby certify that the information provided in this letter is true and correct and acknowledge that this submission is made under penalty of perjury.



Jon Niermann, Chairman  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality