



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

**OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES
235 PROMENADE STREET
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January 31, 2023

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: July 1, 2022 to December 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:	June 19, 2022 – December 17, 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:	\$210,746.74
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$4,786.13

Summary of Total VW Funds Expended		
*Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits.		
Covering RIDEM Payroll: February 9, 2018 – December 17, 2022		
	Total Funds Expended+	
	RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 06/18/2022	RIDEM Payroll 06/19/2022 – 12/17/2022
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$71,679.26	\$8,741.28
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$99,317.98	\$12,366.66
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56	\$0
TOTALS:	\$189,638.80	\$21,107.94

Projected Future Administrative Expenses
Total VW Funds On Hand
\$4,786.13

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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: Electricity RI

Reporting Period: July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 1,867,952

Interest Earned \$ -

Total VW Funds Expended \$ 1,212,421

Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 655,531

Eligible Mitigation Actions	Totals		Summary of Costs				Notes
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	EVSE Funds		Administrative Costs		
Electricity RI			Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
	\$ 1,867,952	\$ 1,212,421	\$ 446,500	\$ 990,500	\$ 209,031	\$ 221,921	
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Project Narrative	Electricity RI
<p>Electricity 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.</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 December 31, 2022</p> <p>Level II EVSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly- Accessible Program 46 Charging Stations projects completed 2 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"> 21 Charging Stations projects completed 4 Charging Stations projects in process 	

F. Brooks
 F. Brooks, Assistant Director, Financial and Contract Management
 Office of Energy Resources
 Christopher Kearns, Interim Commissioner
 Office of Energy Resources

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Laurie Grandchamp
 Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief

1/30/2023
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Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
 Action Title: Public Transit Bus Replacement Project
 Reporting Period: July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 11,854,308
 Interest Earned \$ (29,932)
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 5,066,551
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 6,757,825

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	\$ 11,854,308	\$ 5,066,551	\$ 10,776,644	\$ 5,031,146	\$ 1,077,664	\$ 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 Infrastructure Pilot Program. The Authority executed the order of 14 battery-electric buses, of which seven (7) have been received. The remaining seven (7) electric buses are scheduled to arrive Spring 2023.</p> <p>Construction of our In-Line Charging Facility at the southwest intersection of Broad Street and Montgomery Avenue commenced August 9, 2022 after receiving Development Plan Review – Final Approval from the City of Cranston on August 3, 2022. BOND Civil & Utility Construction, Inc. made much progress in earthwork. Due to required permits, BOND could only complete work up to a certain point. Final permit approval has since been received as of January 6, 2023. With that said, substantial completion is expected May 31, 2023.</p> <p>Although the in-line chargers will be the primary means of powering the buses, additional means of charging has been constructed at the 269 Melrose Street facility. The electrical infrastructure supporting this effort of five (5) depot-based mobile chargers was completed by Nolin Electric, Inc. on December 20, 2022.</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, in addition to State and Local requirements.</p>


[Chris Durand \(Jan 30, 2023 15:08 EST\)](#)
 Christopher Durand, Chief Financial Officer
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Jan 30, 2023
 Date

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

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