



**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES**

**235 PROMENADE STREET**

**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908**

July 31, 2023

VW Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries, PR and DC  
Mr. Mike Bochanski Jr., 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- 9th Semiannual Report  
Reporting Period: January 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023

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](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

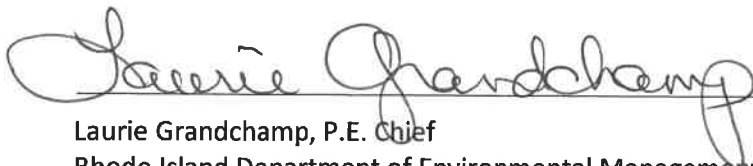
<b>Payee Recipient:</b>	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)
<b>Action Title:</b>	Administrative Costs
<b>Reporting Period Covered:</b>	December 18, 2022 – June 17, 2023

<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:	\$ 211,330.83
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$4,202.04

<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 – June 17, 2023</b>		
	<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	
	<b>RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 12/17/22</b>	<b>RIDEM Payroll 12/18/22 – 06/17/23</b>
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$80,420.54	\$584.09
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$111,684.64	\$0
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56	\$0
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$210,746.74</b>	<b>\$584.09</b>

<b>Projected Future Administrative Expenses</b>
<b>Total VW Funds On Hand</b>
\$4,202.04

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

7/27/2023  
 Date

VW Settlement Decree - Semi-Annual report document

Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources  
 Action Title: Electrify RI  
 Reporting Period: January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023  
 Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 1,867,952  
 Interest Earned \$ -  
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 1,654,710  
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 213,242

Summary of Costs											
Eligible Mitigation Actions Electrify RI	Totals		Total Funds Expended		EVSF Funds		Administrative Costs		Notes		
	Total Funds Received	Expended	Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended				
\$	1,867,952	\$	1,654,710	\$	69,990	\$	1,587,010	\$	143,252	\$	287,700
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Project Narrative	
<p>As of December 31, 2022</p> <p>Level II EVSE:                      Publicly-Accessible Program                      46 Charging Stations projects completed                      2 Charging Stations projects currently in process</p> <p>Workplace Program                      8 Charging Stations projects completed</p> <p>Multi-Unit Dwellings Program                      14 Charging Stations projects completed</p> <p>DCFC:                      21 Charging Stations projects completed                      4 Charging Stations projects in process</p>	<p>Electrify RI</p> <p>Eligible Mitigation Actions: 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.</p>

*[Signature]*  
 Christopher Scarns, Interim Commissioner  
 Office of Energy Resources

7/27/2023  
 Jamie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief  
 RI Department of Environmental Management, Off. of Air Resources

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Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority  
 Action Title: Public Transit Bus Replacement Project  
 Reporting Period: January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023


Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 11,854,308  
 Interest Earned \$ (1,183)  
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 6,804,942  
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 5,048,183

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	\$ 6,804,942	\$ 10,776,644	\$ 6,681,299	\$ 1,077,664	\$ 123,643	
	\$ 11,854,308	\$ 6,804,942	\$ 10,776,644	\$ 6,681,299	\$ 1,077,664	\$ 123,643	\$ -

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>As we approach the final construction milestones of RIPTA's Phase II - Zero-Emissions Infrastructure Pilot Program, RIPTA is focusing on service planning, driver training and launching this EV technology. The Authority executed the order for 14 battery-electric buses, of which ten (10) have been received. The remaining four (4) electric buses are scheduled to arrive by late Summer 2023.</p> <p>Construction of our In-Line Charging Facility at the southwest intersection of Broad Street and Montgomery Avenue is fast approaching completion. Most of the civil work has been completed, less final pavement of the parking lot. Commissioning is set to begin mid/late September. We anticipate submitting for Certificate of Occupancy by end of July 2023. Due to supply chain issues, BOND has run up against lead times being pushed out multiple times on our switchgear (currently due mid-August 2023), delaying our final completion to November 2023.</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>

  
 Christopher Durand (Jul 25, 2023 16:56 EDT)  
 Christopher Durand, Chief Financial Officer  
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

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

Jul 25, 2023  
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