



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES

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January 31, 2024

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- 9th Semiannual Report
Reporting Period: July 1, 2023 to December 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 401-537-4378 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

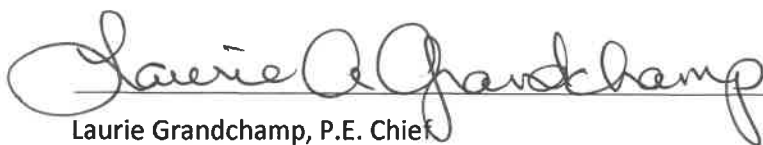
Payee Recipient:	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)
Action Title:	Administrative Costs
Reporting Period Covered:	June 18, 2023 – December 16, 2023

Workplan Budget	RIDEM
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

Summary of Total VW Funds Expended		
*Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits.		
Covering RIDEM Payroll: February 9, 2018 – June 17, 2023		
	Total Funds Expended	
	RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 6/17/23	RIDEM Payroll 6/18/23 – 12/16/23
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$80,420.54	\$0
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$111,684.64	\$0
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56	\$0
TOTALS:	\$210,746.74	\$0

Projected Future Administrative Expenses	
Total VW Funds On Hand	
\$4,202.04	

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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, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received	\$	1,867,952
Interest Earned	\$	-
Total VW Funds Expended	\$	1,244,585
Total VW Funds On Hand	\$	623,367

Eligible Mitigation Actions	Summary of Costs						Notes
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	EVSE Funds Expended	Administrative Costs Obligated	Administrative Costs Expended	
Electricity RI	\$ 1,867,952	\$ 1,244,585	\$ 416,547	\$ 1,020,453	\$ 206,820	\$ 224,132	-
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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 1 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 	

Terri Brooks, Assistant Director, Financial and Contract Management
Office of Energy Resources

Christopher Keatts, Interim Commissioner
Office of Energy Resources

Jessie Q. Gardelamp
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Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
 Action Title: Public Transit Bus Replacement Project
 Reporting Period: July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 11,854,308
 Interest Earned \$ 92,378
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 8,076,452
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 3,870,234

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	\$ 8,076,452	\$ 10,776,644	\$ 7,943,401	\$ 1,077,664	\$ 133,051	
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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>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 thirteen (13) have been received. The remaining electric bus is scheduled to arrive February 2024.</p> <p>Construction of our In-Line Charging Facility, as well as commissioning of equipment, at the southwest intersection of Broad Street and Montgomery Avenue has been completed. Substantial completion was on October 12, 2023. We anticipate a ribbon cutting ceremony during Q1 2024.</p> <p>Between October 12th and December 21st, we were regularly operating one vehicle of this fleet to collect performance data to verify previous analyses and to make preparations in conjunction with Service Planning and Transportation on how work associated with these vehicles should be constructed for the January schedule change.</p>

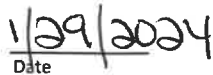

 Christopher Durand (Jan 26, 2024 16:06 EST)

Christopher Durand, Chief Financial Officer
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority


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

Jan 26, 2024

Date


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