Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Settlement

Maine Semi-Annual Report

July 1 – December 31, 2019

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In 2017, the U.S. District Court in Northern California finalized a partial consent decree to settle allegations that Volkswagen (VW) had installed defeat devices on 2.0 and 3.0-liter diesel vehicles sold or leased in the United States. Because of VW's actions, these vehicles allowed emissions of nitrous oxide (NOx) exceeding established vehicle emission standards. Of the total \$14.7 billion total settlement, \$2.7 billion is designated as Environmental Mitigation Settlement funds, which will be distributed to designated "beneficiaries", consisting of each state, Puerto Rico, Washington DC, and Native American tribes. Beneficiaries will carry out actions that improve air quality and result in health benefits by reducing NOx emissions. Although MaineDOT has been designated as the lead agency for fund distribution, input from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Governor's Energy Office, and the public is critical to realizing the greatest gain for Maine's air quality.

Maine's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (https://www.maine.gov/mdot/vw/docs/2018 Maine Beneficiary Mitigaion Plan.pdf) lays out the goals, available funding, funding priorities, funding allocations, and anticipated benefits. Maine's Plan splits the \$21,053,064.00 allocation between the following categories:

- 1) State multi-modal priorities (e.g. port handling equipment, ferry repowers, transit vehicle replacements) (40%)
- 2) Appendix D-2 eligible mitigation actions (e.g., airport handling equipment replacement, school bus replacements, medium to heavy-duty truck repowers and replacements) (25%)
- 3) Diesel Emission Reduction Act program (e.g., school bus replacements, lobster boat repowers) (20%)
- 4) zero emission electric vehicle supply equipment (15%)

State Multi-Modal Priorities

MaineDOT posted a request for applications for transit buses in September. This falls under Eligible Mitigation Action #2. Applications closed in November and were reviewed in December. MaineDOT received 6 application for 21 new transit buses. Awards will be announced in January 2020.

Appendix D-2

MaineDOT posted a request for applications for the D-2 competitive category. Requests fell under Eligible Mitigation Action #1 and #2. Applications closed in November and were reviewed in December. MaineDOT received requests for 98 new vehicles and nearly \$8,000,000 in VW funds. Awards will be announced in January 2020.

Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)

There is nothing new to report under this category for July-December 2020.

Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (ZEVSE)

Efficiency Maine posted a request for applications for Phase II (Round 1) Public Level 2 Charging Stations in April. Requests fell under Eligible Mitigation Action #8. Application were received in July and awards were announced in August. This is a breakdown of awards:

Location Category 1 (Northern and Eastern Maine):

- 1. International Motel, Calais
- 2. Down East Community Partners, Milbridge
- 3. Indian Hill Trading Post, Greenville
- 4. Northern Maine Medical Center, Fort Kent
- 5. Town of Fort Kent, Downtown Fort Kent Location

Location Category 2 (Statewide):

- 1. Bates College, Lewiston
- 2. Bowdoin College, Brunswick
- 3. City of Auburn
- 4. City of Bangor

Efficiency Maine also posted a request for applications for Phase II (Round 2) Public Level 2 Charging Stations in October. Requests fell under Eligible Mitigation Action #8. Application were received in November and awards were announced in December. This is a breakdown of awards:

- 1. City of Augusta, Dickman Street
- 2. City of Augusta, Cony Street
- 3. Maine Behavioral Healthcare, Portland
- 4. Town of York Public Library
- 5. Town of Kennebunk
- 6. Nissen Building Condo Association, Portland
- 7. Town of Damariscotta
- 8. Best Western, Rumford
- 9. Maine Medical Center, Portland
- 10. Town of Thomaston

MaineDOT has also posted information at the following link: https://www.maine.gov/mdot/vw/

MaineDOT's VW Settlement Status as of December 2019

Category To MaineDOT Multimodal Transportation		-		EMA 1: (4) New Drayage Trucks
Multimodal				(Maine Port Authority) EMA 2: (17) New Transit Buses
				(Bangor, Western Maine
Trunsportation				Transportation Services,
Improvements	A		EMA 1: \$367,049.68	Downeast Transportation Services)
(23901.00)	\$7,385,637.60	0	EMA 2: \$630,896.80	Round 1
				EMA 1: (1) New Diesel Dump Truck
Appendix D-2			EMA 1: \$141,564.00	EMA 2: (18) New Diesel School
Competitive			EMA 2:	Buses
	\$6,298,854.00	0	\$2,104,920.00	(11) New Propane School Buses
				Provided DEP \$ \$1,000,000 in
Diesel Emission		:		2019 to assist with DERA . Projects include: Clean Marine
Reduction Act				Engine Program, Electric Truck
(DERA) (DEP Air Bureau)				(EcoMaine), steamship Katahdin
	\$4,210,612.80	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	repower.
Electric Vehicle	-			
Supply				Provide Efficiency Maine Trust
Equipment				with 1 million in 2018 for
(Efficiency				charging station infrastructure per Maine's Electric Vehicle
Maine)	¢2.457.050.00	61,000,000		Supply Equipment Initiative.
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In accordance with Section 5.3 of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries, I attest that the information contained in the Maine Semi-Annual Report (July 1 – December 31, 2019) is true and correct and that the submission of this semi-annual report is made under penalty of perjury.

_____ Date <u>01/02/2020</u>

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