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*Agency of Natural Resources*

July 30, 2020

VW Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries  
Mr. Russell Crane, 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 Vermont VW Settlement – Semiannual Report  
Reporting period January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020

Dear Mr. Crane,

On November 1, 2017, Vermont filed its Beneficiary Certification Form, and Wilmington Trust (the Trustee) filed a Notice of Beneficiary Designation with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, designating Vermont as a Beneficiary on January 29, 2018. Vermont's first funding request was approved by the Trustee on July 15, 2019.

On July 22, 2019, Vermont received its first disbursement of Trust Assets, commencing Vermont's reporting obligations to the Trustee. As per section 5.3 *Beneficiary Reporting Obligations* of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement, each Beneficiary shall submit to the Trustee a semiannual report describing the following:

1. the progress implementing each Eligible Mitigation Action during the six-month period leading up to the reporting date (including a summary of all costs expended on the Eligible Mitigation Action through the reporting date), and
2. the status (including actual or projected termination date), development, implementation, and any modification of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action.

Vermont is grouping all updates of Eligible Mitigation Actions in this single report.

This information is true and correct and this submission is made under penalty of perjury. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (802) 233-8052 or email me at [deirdra.ritzer@vermont.gov](mailto:deirdra.ritzer@vermont.gov).

Sincerely,



Deirdra Ritzer, Acting Mobile Sources Section Chief  
Department of Environmental Conservation, Air Quality & Climate Division

Beneficiary: State of Vermont  
 Project ID: VW-001  
 Lead Agency: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
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<b>Payee Recipient:</b>	Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>Eligible Mitigation Action Title:</b>	9. Light-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Supply Equipment
<b>Reporting Period Covered:</b>	1/1/2020 - 6/30/2020

<b>Workplan Budget</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total VW Funds Allocated	\$280,381.95	\$2,803,819.50	\$3,084,201.45
Running Total of VW Settlement Funds Received	\$280,381.95	\$2,803,819.50	\$3,084,201.45
Total VW Funds Obligated	\$280,381.95	\$1,014,174.00	\$1,294,555.95
Total VW Funds Expended	\$84,528.72	\$154,899.00	\$239,427.72
Total VW Funds on Hand	\$195,853.23	\$2,648,920.50	\$2,844,773.73

<b>Summary of Total VW Funds Expended - Administrative (Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits)</b>	
Agency of Commerce & Community Development - Department of Housing & Community Development - Administrative	\$74,286.76
Agency of Natural Resources - Department of Environmental Conservation - Administrative	\$10,241.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84,528.72</b>

<b>Summary of Total VW Funds Expended - EVSE Projects</b>	
Purchase & installation of two (dual port) Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Chester, VT by the Town of Chester	\$24,964.00
Purchase & installation of a dual port Level 2 EV charging station at a park & ride in Highgate, VT by the Town of Highgate	\$17,293.00
Purchase & installation of two dual port Level 2 EV chargers in the designated downtown of Warren, VT by the Town of Warren	\$33,038.00
Purchase & installation of two dual port Level 2 EV chargers for workplace charging at Mack Molding	\$29,838.00
Purchase & installation of seven Level 2 EV chargers for ski area use at Mount Ellen	\$24,574.00
Purchase & installation of a dual port Level 2 EV charging station in the designated downtown of Albany, VT by the Town of Albany	\$5,560.00
Purchase & installation of a dual port Level 2 EV charging station at a park & ride in Starksboro, VT by the Town of Starksboro	\$19,632.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$154,899.00</b>

**Narrative:** The Vermont Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Grant Program is administered by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development in coordination with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, the Agency of Transportation (VTTrans), the Public Service Department, and the Department of Health.

In 2019, the EVSE grant program received 141 applications in two grant rounds, requesting over \$4 million in funding. Thirty projects were selected and awarded over \$1 million in funding to install 75 Level 2 and five DC fast charge units located in state designated centers, highway corridors, public park and rides, major attractions and institutions, multi-family housing and workplaces.

The remaining \$1.7 million in VW funding, will support the installation of DC fast charge stations at priority locations on highway corridors helping to fill out geographic gaps in Vermont’s EVSE network. A request for proposals was released in January 2020 and responses were due April 2020. At the time of this report, responses are still being evaluated. The projected termination date for this eligible mitigation action is June 2022.

Beneficiary: State of Vermont  
 Project ID: VW-002  
 Lead Agency: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
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<b>Payee Recipient:</b>	Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>Eligible Mitigation Action Title:</b>	2. Class 4-8 School Bus, Shuttle Bus, or Transit Bus
<b>Reporting Period Covered:</b>	1/1/2020 - 6/30/2020

<b>Workplan Budget</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total VW Funds Allocated	\$320,000.00	\$3,720,000.00	\$4,040,000.00
Running Total of VW Settlement Funds Received	\$320,000.00	\$0.00	\$320,000.00
Total VW Funds Obligated	\$320,000.00	\$3,720,000.00	\$4,040,000.00
Total VW Funds Expended	\$115,850.56	\$0.00	\$115,850.56
Total VW Funds on Hand	\$204,149.44	\$0.00	\$204,149.44

<b>Summary of Total VW Funds Expended - Administrative (Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits)</b>	
VEIC - Administrative	\$98,531.00
Agency of Natural Resources - Department of Environmental Conservation - Administrative	\$17,319.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,850.56</b>

<b>Summary of Total VW Funds Expended - EVSE Projects</b>	
Barre Unified Union School District is replacing two diesel powered school buses with two electric school buses	\$0.00
Champlain Valley School District is replacing two diesel powered school buses with two electric school buses	\$0.00
Franklin West Supervisory Union is replacing two diesel powered school buses with two electric school buses	\$0.00
Marble Valley Regional Transit District is replacing two diesel powered transit buses with two electric transit buses	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Narrative:** VEIC, on behalf of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, is administering the Vermont Electric School and Transit Bus Pilot Program, in which three schools and a transit agency were selected to participate as Project Partners through a competitive two-step application process. Each Project Partner is replacing two diesel buses in their regular transportation service with electric buses.

At the time of this report, requests for proposals for electric buses and charging equipment have been drafted and will be released in July 2020 and are expected to be awarded in August/September 2020. The projected termination date for this eligible mitigation action is June 2022.