



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

**OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES
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July 27, 2021

VW Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries, PR and DC
Mr. Russell Crane, 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- 5th Semiannual Report
Reporting Period: January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

Dear Mr. Crane,

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. 77143 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

VW Settlement Decree - Semi-Annual report document

Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Action Title: Electrify RI

Reporting Period: January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 1,867,952
 Interest Earned \$
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 1,095,735
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 772,217

Eligible Mitigation Actions Electrify RI	Totals		Summary of Costs				Notes
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	EVSE Funds Obligated	EVSE Funds Expended	Administrative Costs Obligated	Administrative Costs Expended	
	\$ 1,867,952	\$ 1,095,735	\$ 543,622	\$ 893,378	\$ 228,595	\$ 202,357	
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Project Narrative

Electrify RI is an electric vehicle (EV) charging station incentive program, administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OIER), 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. As of June 30, 2021:

- Level II EVSE:
 - Publicly-Accessible Program
 - 36 Charging Stations (14 applications); projects completed
 - 12 Charging Stations (6 applications); currently in process
- Workplace Program
- 8 Charging Stations (4 applications); projects completed
- Multi-Unit Dwellings Program
- 14 Charging Stations (8 applications); projects completed
- DCFC:
 - 9 Charging Stations (5 applications); projects completed
 - 13 Charging Stations (12 applications); in process

Terri Brooks
 Terri Brooks, Administrator, Financial Management
 Office of Energy Resources

Barbara Cesaro 07/21/2021
 On Behalf of Commissioner Nick Ucci
 Nicholas Ucci, Acting Commissioner
 Office of Energy Resources

Laurie Grandchamp 7/27/2021
 Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief
 Date

Department of Environmental Management, Office 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, 2021 - June 30, 2021

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 5,695,338
 Interest Earned \$ 50,638
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 2,595,883
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 3,150,093

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	\$ 5,695,338	\$ 2,595,883	\$ 5,486,115	\$ 2,565,448	\$ 209,223	\$ 30,435	
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Eligible Mitigation Actions	Project Narrative	
	Public Transit Bus Replacement Project	
Three vehicle pilot electric bus program and purchase of up to 20 electric buses	Phase II of RIPTA's electric bus program continues to progress. In April 2021, the Authority's Board approved the purchase of 14 new electric buses for delivery in Summer 2022 for exclusive operation on RIPTA's highest ridership route which will make 1 in every 5 trips zero-emissions when all vehicles are in revenue service. Conceptual designs for a en-route charging facility on agency-owned property are almost complete which will enable RIPTA to issue a design-build RFP later this summer with the expectation of commencing construction this fall. Several depot-based chargers will be installed by end of year to allow for top-up charging overnight as needed.	

Christopher Durand

Christopher Durand, Executive Director of Finance and Budget
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

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Greg Nordin

Greg Nordin, Chief of Strategic Advancement
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

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Laurie Grandchamp

Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief
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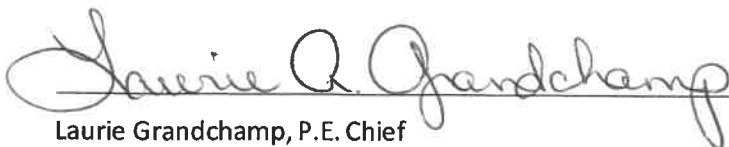
Payee Recipient:	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)
Action Title:	Administrative Costs
Reporting Period Covered:	December 20, 2020 – June 19, 2021

Workplan Budget	RIDEM
Running Total of VW Settlement Funds Received:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Obligated:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Expended:	\$158,136.73
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$57,396.14

Summary of Total VW Funds Expended		
*Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits.		
Covering RIDEM Payroll: February 9, 2018 – June 19, 2021		
	Total Funds Expended	
	RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 12/20/2020	RIDEM Payroll 12/20/2020 – 6/19/2021
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$48,636.93	\$7,587.30
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$67,344.75	\$15,926.20
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56	\$0
TOTALS:	\$134,623.24	\$23,513.49

Projected Future Administrative Expenses			
Total VW Funds On Hand	FY21 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	FY22 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)	FY23 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
\$57,396.14	\$19,132	\$19,132	\$19,132

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