



**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES**

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July 31, 2024

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, 2024 to June 30, 2024

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](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 17, 2023 – June 15, 2024

<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

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 – 12/16/23	RIDEM Payroll 12/17/23 – 06/15/24
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
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$210,746.74</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

This information is true and correct and the submission is made under penalty of perjury.



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

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VW Settlement Decree - Semi-Annual report document

Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources  
 Action Title: Electrify RI  
 Reporting Period: January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024  
 Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received	\$	1,867,952
Interest Earned	\$	-
Total VW Funds Expended	\$	1,639,764
Total VW Funds On Hand	\$	228,188

Summary of Costs							
	Totals		EVSE Funds		Administrative Costs		Notes
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
Eligible Mitigation Actions							
Electrify RI	\$ 1,867,952	\$ 1,639,764	\$ 20,037	\$ 1,416,963	\$ 208,151	\$ 222,801	
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Project Narrative	
<p>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.</p> <p>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> <p>As of June 30, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level II EVSE:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicly-Accessible Program                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 Charging Stations projects completed</li> <li>4 Charging Stations projects currently in process</li> </ul> </li> <li>Workplace Program                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 Charging Stations projects completed</li> </ul> </li> <li>Multi-Unit Dwellings Program                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 Charging Stations projects completed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>DCFC:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21 Charging Stations projects completed</li> <li>4 Charging Stations projects in process</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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

  
 Christopher Kearns, Interim Commissioner  
 Office of Energy Resources

*Laurie A. Grandchamp* 7/31/2024  
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Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Action Title: Public Transit Bus Replacement Project

Reporting Period: January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 11,854,308

Interest Earned \$ 110,788

Total VW Funds Expended \$ 9,146,751

Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 2,818,345

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	\$ 9,146,751	\$ 10,776,644	\$ 9,013,700	\$ 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>Construction is complete on Rhode Island's first electric bus in-line charging station; also the first of its kind in the Northeast region. This cutting-edge charging station, located along the R-Line – RIPTA's most frequently-used route connecting Providence, Cranston and Pawtucket – can charge up to four electric buses simultaneously while they are in service. The \$7.6 million design-build project was led by BOND Civil &amp; Utility Construction, Inc. of Medford, Massachusetts. The company worked closely with Rhode Island Energy to ensure that electrical power and a high-pressure gas line was available for this project. BOND also worked closely with GM2 and Fuss &amp; O'Neill during the design phase of the project.</p> <p>The charging station powers RIPTA's first electric fleet – fourteen (14) New Flyer Xcelsior XE40 battery electric buses, all of which exclusively serve the R-Line. Electrifying this route will lower emissions on a key corridor, where many low-income and diverse communities have been affected by air pollution and experience high asthma rates. Beginning in January 2024, vehicles were progressively put into service based on operational readiness and as performance conditions permitted. The full electric fleet was deployed in June 2024, making public transportation in Rhode Island even greener.</p>

  
Christopher Durand (Jul 26, 2024 08:16 EDT)

Christopher Durand, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

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

26/07/24

Date

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Date