## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES
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January 31, 2025

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: July 1, 2024 to December 31, 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 <u>funding requests</u> 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

Lead Agency: Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management VW Settlement Decree – Semiannual Report Document

Payee Recipient:	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)
Action Title:	Administrative Costs
Reporting Period Covered:	Jun 16, 2024 – Dec 14, 2024

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

*Administrat	ımmary of Total VW Funds ive costs include all personı IDEM Payroll: February 9,	nel and fringe benefits.			
	Total Funds Expended				
	RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 06/15/24 RIDEM Payroll 06/16/24 – 12/14				
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	
<b>Total VW Funds On Hand</b>		
\$4,202.04		

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Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources

Date

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Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources Payee Recipient:

Electrify RI Action Title: July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 Reporting Period:

1,639,764 228,188 1,867,952 Interest Earned Total VW Funds Expended Total VW Funds On Hand Total VW Funds Received Workplan Budget

		Summary of Costs	of Costs				
	Totals		EVSE Funds	spun	Administra	ative Costs	Notes
Ellgible Mithation Actions	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
Electrify RI	\$ 1,867,952 \$			20,037 \$ 1,416,963 \$ 208,151 \$ 222,803	\$ 208,151	\$ 222,801	
	\$ 1,867,952	1,867,952 \$ 1,639,764 \$	\$ 20,037 \$	\$ 1,416,963	1,416,963 \$ 208,151 \$	\$ 222,801	es.

Project Narrative	
Electify RI	
Electrify Al is an electric vehicle (EV) changing station incentive program, administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (DER), that seeks to make more changing stations accessible to Rhode Island drives. The increased availability of changing stations will encourage state residents and business to make the switch to electric vehicles in order to reduce transportation-related actions emissions and pollutants.	
This \$1.4 million incentive program is funding the installation of new EV changing stations—including Level II and Direct Current Fast Changing (DCFC)—at Rhode Island workplaces, multi- unit dwellings, and publicly-accessible locations. Incentives are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.	
As of December 31, 2024	
Level II EVSE:	
Publicly- Accessible Program	
& Charging Stations project completed	
4 chaighig skations projects currently in process	
Workplace Program	
8 Charging Stations projects completed	
Multi-Unit Owellings Program	
14 Charging Stations projects completed	
DOFC.	
21 Charging Stations projects completed	
4 Charging Stations projects in process	

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

Digitally signed by Christopher Kearns Keams Date: 2025.01.22 12:32:54-05'00'

Christopher Kearns, Interim Commissioner

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Payee Recipient:

**Rhode Island Public Transit Authority** 

Action Title:

Public Transit Bus Replacement Project

Reporting Period:

July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Workplan Budget

 Total VW Funds Received
 \$ 11,854,308

 Interest Earned
 \$ 119,114

 Total VW Funds Expended
 \$ 11,674,470

 Total VW Funds On Hand
 \$ 298,952

		Sun	nmary of Costs				
	To	otals	Vehicle Repla	Vehicle Replacement Funds		Administrative Costs	
Eligible Mitigation Actions	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
RIPTA Electric Bus Program	\$ 11,854,308	\$ 11,674,470	\$ 10,776,644	\$ 11,541,419	\$ 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	Revenue electric bus operations on the R-Line, running between downtown Pawtucket and Broad/City Line via downtow Providence began on January 22, 2024. Service started with 4 vehicles on the road and were progressively put into service as they met operational readiness requirements and acceptable thresholds for performance. The full electric fleet was deployed in June 2024, making public transportation in Rhode Island even greener. RIPTA will be using the next year to monitor vehicles through all seasons to determine if any scheduling or other operational changes need to be made. Maintenance will be reviewing vehicle performance and engaging with New Flyer on a regular basis to address software or vehicle-related issues. RIPTA staff meet regularly to discuss service performance with the change in vehicles.  The charging station powers RIPTA's first electric fleet — fourteen (14) New Flyer Xcelsior XE40 battery electric buses, all owhich 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.

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Christopher Durand, Chief Executive Officer

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Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief

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