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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

January 23, 2025

Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust
for State Beneficiaries, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia
c/o Wilmington Trust, N.A. as Trustee
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, DE 19890

Attn: Capital Markets & Agency Services

Re: State Beneficiary Semi-Annual Report

Dear Wilmington Trust, N.A.:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Lead Agency for administering the funds allocated to Texas under the Volkswagen State Environmental Trust (Trust), provides this semi-annual report to Wilmington Trust, N.A. (Trustee) in accordance with Section 5.3 of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries.

TCEQ's ninth semi-annual report includes steps taken to implement all Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) Eligible Mitigation Actions for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

I. Status of Approved Mitigation Eligible Mitigation Actions

The status of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action (by funding period) is provided below. A summary of projects awarded under the Eligible Mitigation Actions is provided as **Attachment A**.

School Buses, Shuttle Buses, & Transit Buses

Funding Period: May 8, 2019 – May 8, 2020

There are currently 77 active projects under this mitigation action totaling \$54,003,925.98. Active projects include the replacement of 683 school buses representing over 414 tons of mitigated nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions.

TCEQ has verified the proper destruction of all activities and disbursed all grant funds under this funding period.

Class 7 - 8 Refuse Vehicles

Funding Period: October 8, 2019 – January 27, 2021

There are currently 60 active projects under this combined mitigation action totaling \$9,598,985.65. Active projects include the replacement of 138 refuse vehicles representing over 181 tons of mitigated NO_x emissions.

During this reporting period, TCEQ verified the proper destruction of 2 refuse vehicles and processed two reimbursement requests totaling \$211,838.00 for the purchase of newer models. Reimbursements were disbursed by Wilmington Trust, N.A. via check, as directed by TCEQ.

Class 4 - 7 Local Freight Trucks & Class 8 Local Freight Trucks & Port Drayage Trucks

Funding Period: February 6, 2020 - January 27, 2021

There are currently 72 active projects under this combined mitigation action totaling \$12,797,108.37. Active projects include the replacement of 340 local freight vehicles representing over 739 tons of mitigated NO_x emissions.

During this reporting period, TCEQ verified the proper destruction of 16 local freight vehicles and processed two reimbursement requests totaling \$312,324.00 for the purchase of newer models. Reimbursements were disbursed by Wilmington Trust, N.A. via check, as directed by TCEQ.

Light-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Supply Equipment

Level 2 ZEV Supply Equipment

Funding Period: September 10, 2020 - September 9, 2021

There are currently 402 active projects under this mitigation action totaling \$8,375,000.00 for the purchase and installation of 3,350 Level 2 electric vehicle charging units statewide.

TCEQ processed nine reimbursement requests totaling \$43,976.57 for Level 2 electric vehicle charging projects during this reporting period.

Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) & Hydrogen Fueling Equipment

Funding Period: October 6, 2021 - November 3, 2021 (12:00 p.m.)

There are currently 41 active projects under this mitigation action totaling \$20,927,542.59 for the purchase and installation of 170 DCFC units statewide.

TCEQ processed one reimbursement request totaling \$114,820.00 for DCFC units statewide during this reporting period.

All-Electric Vehicles and Equipment

Funding Period: June 29, 2023 - Ongoing

TCEQ continues to accept grant applications under a combined mitigation action for the upgrade or replacement of eligible diesel vehicles and equipment with new, all-electric models with over \$86 million in total available funding. TCEQ has awarded 32 projects under this combined mitigation action totaling \$36,732,332.70 through this reporting period. Active projects include the replacement of 77 vehicles and pieces of equipment representing over 263 tons of mitigated NO_x emissions. TCEQ is currently in the process of issuing and executing additional contracts with applicants whose projects were selected for award.

Ocean-Going Vessels Shore Power

During this reporting period, TCEQ executed a contract for \$1,924,776.14 with the Port of Galveston to install shore power infrastructure at two cruise terminals, allowing ships to use electricity from the grid instead of auxiliary engines while docked. It aims to service over 200 ship berths annually and reduce emissions by an estimated 98%.

Ferries, Tugboats, and Freight Switchers

Initial Funding Period: July 25, 2024 - October 29, 2024

Second Funding Period: December 2, 2024 - February 14, 2025

TCEQ accepted applications under a combined mitigation action for the replacement or repower of freight switchers and repower of ferries and tugs with over \$13 million in total available funding. TCEQ did not receive any applications under the first round of funding, so a second round of funding was opened in December 2024. TCEQ continues to accept applications under the second grant round.

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II. Summary of Expenditures for Approved Eligible Mitigation Actions

A summary of project and administrative expenditures for each Eligible Mitigation Action is provided as **Attachment B**.

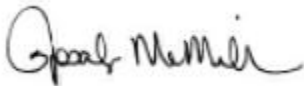
III. Additional Program Information

TCEQ would invite you to visit www.txvwfund.org for additional information on the implementation and status of the Mitigation Action Categories.

IV. Attestation

I, Josalyn McMillon, being duly authorized, qualified, and Deputy Director of Air Grants Division at TCEQ for the State Beneficiary of Texas, do hereby certify that the information provided in this letter is true and correct and acknowledge that this submission is made under penalty of perjury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josalyn McMillon".

Josalyn McMillon, Deputy Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Enclosures