

BENEFICIARY ELIGIBLE MITIGATION ACTION CERTIFICATION

Beneficiary State of Louisiana

Lead Agency Authorized to Act on Behalf of the Beneficiary Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality
(Any authorized person with delegation of such authority to direct the Trustee delivered to the Trustee pursuant to a Delegation of Authority and Certificate of Incumbency)

Action Title:	Department of Agriculture and Forestry Request 2 Class 8
Beneficiary's Project ID:	2000967094
Funding Request No.	43
Request Type: <i>(select one or more)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):
Payment to be made to: <i>(select one or more)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):
Funding Request & Direction (Attachment A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached to this Certification <input type="checkbox"/> To be Provided Separately

SUMMARY

Eligible Mitigation Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appendix D-2 item (specify): <u>Class 8 Local Freight Trucks</u>
Action Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Item 10 - DERA Option (5.2.12) (specify and attach DERA Proposal):
Explanation of how funding request fits into Beneficiary's Mitigation Plan (5.2.1):	
<p>The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, published in April 2018, identified the replacement of eligible diesel vehicles and heavy equipment with new, less polluting engines. This funding request will replace two (2) 2008-year model trucks with two (2) new diesel trucks.</p>	
Detailed Description of Mitigation Action Item Including Community and Air Quality Benefits (5.2.2):	
<p>Replacing the Forestry fire trucks used to fight wildland forest fires across this state prevents devastation of land and residential areas. These vehicles idle and/or run at a slightly increased rate of engine speed while in operation. The trucks remain stationary while in use and carry the dozers that push the fire lines and put out the fires. The stationary use results in above average engine hours while miles traveled are slightly below average. These trucks are also integral to the Department's activities related to emergency response and getting the needed equipment to these remote locations in our state.</p> <p>The replacement of trucks will focus on NO_x emission reductions. However, it will also achieve reductions in other emissions, including Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Particulate Matter (PM), and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). NO_x is a criteria pollutant with a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). NO_x is also a precursor for ozone and PM. Breathing air with a high concentration of NO_x can irritate airways in the human respiratory system. Such exposures over short periods can aggravate respiratory diseases, particularly asthma, leading to respiratory symptoms (such as coughing, wheezing or difficulty breathing), hospital admissions and visits to emergency rooms. Longer exposures to elevated concentrations of NO_x may contribute to the development of asthma and potentially increase susceptibility to respiratory infections. People with asthma, as well as children and the elderly are generally at greater risk for the health effects of NO_x.</p>	

Estimate of Anticipated NOx Reductions (5.2.3):

0.31 metric tons/year and 1.47 metric tons/lifetime.

Identification of Governmental Entity Responsible for Reviewing and Auditing Expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action Funds to Ensure Compliance with Applicable Law (5.2.7.1):

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Describe how the Beneficiary will make documentation publicly available (5.2.7.2).

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is subject to Louisiana Public Records Laws and Louisiana Open Meetings Laws. As such, LDEQ has established a VW Settlement webpage, <http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/louisiana-volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust>. All public documents related to the VW Settlement are also placed on LDEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS), the repository of official records and records that have been created or received by LDEQ. All LDEQ employees are responsible for ensuring official records are routinely submitted to the EDMS. Employees and members of the public can search and retrieve documents stored in the EDMS via this web application. All public records related to the VW Settlement can be found by searching for Agency Interest (AI) Number 204948.

Describe any cost share requirement to be placed on each NOx source proposed to be mitigated (5.2.8).

LDEQ will provide one hundred percent (100%) funds towards the purchase of replacement diesel-powered equipment/vehicles. The amount provided shall be limited to one hundred percent (100%) of the purchase price and shall not exceed that amount.

Describe how the Beneficiary complied with subparagraph 4.2.8, related to notice to U.S. Government Agencies (5.2.9).

Notice to U.S. Government Agencies was emailed on August 23, 2018.

If applicable, describe how the mitigation action will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of such emissions (5.2.10).

All areas of Louisiana are currently designated attainment with all NAAQS, except St. Bernard Parish that is designated nonattainment for SO₂. However, Louisiana has achieved significant reductions in SO₂ in St. Bernard Parish and monitors currently meet the SO₂ NAAQS. These trucks are also integral to the Department's activities related to emergency response.

ATTACHMENTS
(CHECK BOX IF ATTACHED)

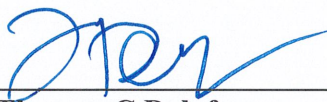
- Attachment A** **Funding Request and Direction.**
- Attachment B** **Eligible Mitigation Action Management Plan Including Detailed Budget and Implementation and Expenditures Timeline (5.2.4).**
- Attachment C** **Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11).**
- Attachment D** **Detailed cost estimates from selected or potential vendors for each proposed expenditure exceeding \$25,000 (5.2.6). [Attach only if project involves vendor expenditures exceeding \$25,000.]**
- Attachment E** **DERA Option (5.2.12). [Attach only if using DERA option.]**
- Attachment F** **Attachment specifying amount of requested funding to be debited against each beneficiary's allocation (5.2.13). [Attach only if this is a joint application involving multiple beneficiaries.]**

CERTIFICATIONS

By submitting this application, the Lead Agency makes the following certifications:

1. This application is submitted on behalf of Beneficiary Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and the person executing this certification has authority to make this certification on behalf of the Lead Agency and Beneficiary, pursuant to the Certification for Beneficiary Status filed with the Court.
2. Beneficiary requests and directs that the Trustee make the payments described in this application and Attachment A to this Form.
3. This application contains all information and certifications required by Paragraph 5.2 of the Trust Agreement, and the Trustee may rely on this application, Attachment A, and related certifications in making disbursements of trust funds for the aforementioned Project ID.
4. Any vendors were or will be selected in accordance with jurisdiction's public contracting law as applicable. (5.2.5)
5. Beneficiary will maintain and make publicly available all documentation submitted in support of this funding request and all records supporting all expenditures of eligible mitigation action funds subject to applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information. (5.2.7.2)

DATED: 3/4/2026



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La. Dept. of Environmental Quality

for

State of Louisiana

Attachment B

Eligible Mitigation Action Management Plan Including Detailed Budget and Implementation and Expenditures Timeline

Project Schedule and Milestones	
Milestone	Date
Request for Proposal opened	2019
Projects selected and agreements executed	Ongoing until funds expended
DEQ Submits D-4 and attachments to Trustee for mitigation action	January 2026
Trustee Approves D-4	March 2026
Grantee submits required documentation	prior to reimbursement
Eligible Costs are awarded to Grantee	upon receipt of required documentation
DEQ reports to the Trustee on the status of expenditures with Mitigation Actions completed and Underway	January 30 and July 30 on a calendar year basis

Project Budget			
Budget Category	Total Approved Budget	Share of Total Budget to be Funded by the Trust	Cost-Share
Equipment Expenditure			
2 Freightliner Trucks for Firefighting	\$430,000.00	\$430,000.00	\$0.00
Administrative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Total	\$430,000.00	\$430,000	\$0.00
Percentage		100%	0%

Attachment C

Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11)

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In addition, Wilmington Trust will post on its public facing website the semi-annual reports LDEQ is required to submit pursuant to Settlement section 5.3.

ATTACHMENT D

Detailed cost estimates from selected or potential vendors for each proposed expenditure exceeding \$25,000 (5.2.6)

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

The table below shows the vehicles to be purchased under this contract. Contractor shall follow all procurement procedures required by statute. The Estimate Cost listed is for budgetary purposes. Payment for each vehicle shall be for the actual purchase price.

**Table A
Replacement Vehicles**

Payment Item	Payment Unit	Department Amount	Contractor Amount	Total for each vehicle
Freightliner Truck	Each	\$215,000.00	\$0	\$215,000.00

**Table B
Total Expenditure for Fiscal Year**

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Total
FY 2025-2026	\$430,000.00

- The rates shall include all associated direct costs (labor, supplies, equipment, incidentals and expendables, duplication/copying, communications, postage, shipping and handling, transportation, taxes, etc.), all indirect costs (fringe, overhead, general and administrative costs), travel expenses associated with each line item and profit.