



Volkswagen Settlement Update
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Outline

- What did VW do?
- Summary of settlement agreements
- What does this mean for NC?
- Settlement parameters
- Eligible project categories
- Opportunity for partnerships
- Engagement with interested parties
- DEQ's experience



What did VW do?

- 2015 U.S. EPA cited VW with Clean Air Act violations.
 - Manufactured and installed defeat devices
 - Approximately 580,000 vehicles impacted nationally
- 2016 Settlement agreements of \$14.7 billion nationally were lodged by U.S. DOJ and State Attorney Generals (including NC DOJ) with court to resolve matters related to the violations.

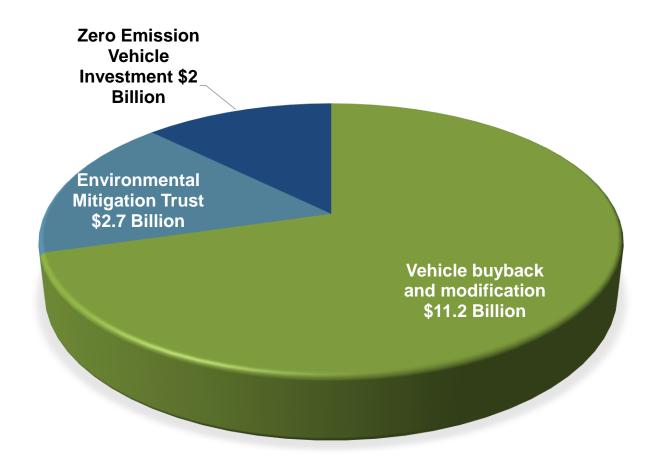


Volkswagen Settlement Summary

- Three major components to the settlement:
 - Buyback or emissions modification on at least 85 percent of the subject vehicles (Appendices A & B)
 - Invest \$2 billion to promote the use of zero emission vehicles and infrastructure (Appendix C)
 - \$2.7 billion to fully remediate the excess NOx emissions from the subject 2.0 liter vehicles (Appendix D)
 - +\$225 million for 3.0 liter diesel engines



Volkswagen Settlement Summary National Breakdown





Volkswagen Settlement Summary Appendix D – Mitigation Trust

- To administer these funds, an "environmental mitigation trust" has been established. States that wish to access their allocated portion of the funds will apply to become beneficiaries of the trust.
- The Governor must indicate and certify which agency, department, office, or division will have the delegated authority to act on behalf of and legally for North Carolina.
- States must indicate that they want to receive funding by filling out and submitting the certification form to the trustee.

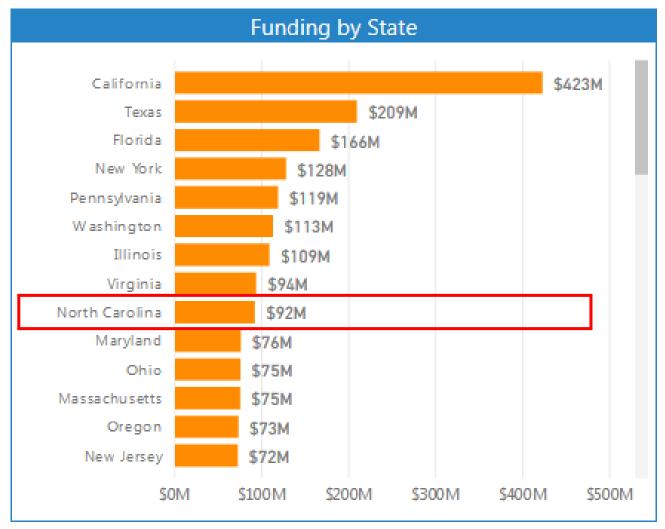


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- The North Carolina allocation is set at \$87,177,373.87 3.23% of the \$2.7 billion settlement. This is based on the number of registered subject vehicles in the state for the 2.0 liter subject vehicles.
- Additionally, North Carolina is eligible for \$4,868,284.13 2.16% of the \$225 million settlement for the 3.0 liter subject vehicles.
- At total amount of \$92,045,658.00 3.15% is allocated for North Carolina.



Appendix D – Mitigation Trust



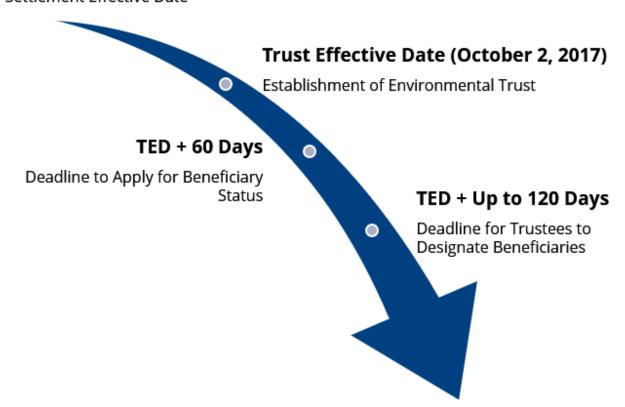


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Appendix D – Mitigation Trust for NC

October 2016

Settlement Effective Date



30 Days Prior to Submitting First Funding Request

Deadline for Beneficiaries to Submit Mitigation Plans.



Timeline

Event

- Settlement Effective Date
- Trustee approved by Court
- Trust Effective Date (TED)
- TED + 60 days
- TED + up to 120 days
- 30 days prior to requesting funding

Date

October 25, 2016

March 15, 2017

October 2, 2017

December 1, 2017

February 1, 2018

Spring/Summer 2018

Action

- > C.D. entered into court
- **>Wilmington Trust**
- >Starts process
- **≻** Gov. files certification
- > Beneficiary approved
- ➤ Beneficiary Mitigation Plan due



Appendix D – Settlement Parameters

- Up to one-third of funds initial request
- Up to another third one year after TED
- Remainder two years after TED
- All funds must be expended by 10 years after TED
- All eligible vehicles replaced must be scrapped



Appendix D – Settlement Parameters

Beneficiaries may spend funds from the environmental mitigation trust on projects that fall within ten eligible mitigation action categories.

According to the final consent decree, "the goal of each Eligible Mitigation Action shall be to achieve reductions of NOX emissions in the United States."

Trustee must approve the mitigation plan and the project expenditures.



Class 8 local freight trucks and port drayage trucks

Repower or replacement of Class 8 (over 33,000 pounds) local freight and port drayage trucks.
 This includes trucks used for hauling cargo to and from ports and intermodal rail yards as well as trucks used for freight or cargo delivery including waste haulers, dump trucks, and concrete mixers.



Class 4-8 school bus, shuttle bus or transit bus

 Repower or replacement of a Class 4-8 School Bus, Shuttle Bus, or Transit Bus (vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) greater than 14,001 lbs used for transporting people). Vehicles eligible for scrappage and repower or replacement include those with engine model years prior to 2009. (For states which already require replacement of these vehicles, buses using engines from model years 2010-2012 will also be eligible.)









Freight switchers

 Repower or replacement of pre-Tier 4 freight switcher locomotives that operate 1,000 or more hours per year. A freight switcher is a locomotive that moves rail cars around a rail yard as compared to a line-haul engine that moves freight long distances.









Ferries and tugs

Ferries or tugs equipped with unregulated, Tier 1, or Tier 2 marine engines may be repowered.







Ocean going vessels shorepower

Marine shorepower. Eligible marine shorepower systems provide electric auxiliary power from shore while a boat is docked to allow a vessel's engines to turn off and remain off while the vessel is at berth.





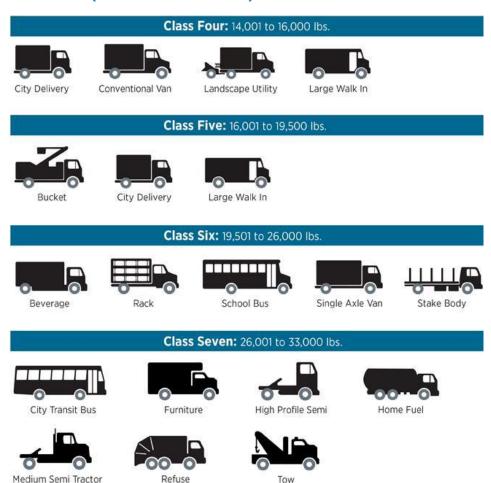


Class 4-7 local freight trucks (medium trucks)

Repower or replacement of Class 4-7 local freight trucks.

Vehicles eligible for scrappage and repower or replacement include those with engine model years 1992–2009.

For states which already require replacement of these vehicles, trucks using engines from model years 2010–2012 will also be eligible.





Airport ground support equipment

To focus on concentrated emissions reductions at airports, the mitigation trust is authorized to support fuel switching of diesel and gasoline airport ground support equipment. This type of equipment includes all vehicles and equipment used at airports to service aircraft between flights.









Forklifts and port cargo handling equipment

Repower or replacement of forklifts and port cargo handling equipment. Eligible repower or replacement includes electric charging infrastructure.









Light duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment

Beneficiaries may use up to 15 percent of their allocation of trust funds for the acquisition, installation, operation and maintenance of new light duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment.









Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) option

DERA provides funding for projects that reduce emissions from existing diesel engines.

Authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and administered by U.S. EPA, DERA is designed to help replace or retrofit older, dirtier engines still in use with clean diesel or alternative fuel engines.









Partnerships

Looking forward to further consultations:

- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Department of Commerce (DOC)
- Other interested entities



Engagement with interested parties

so far in 2017

- North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation
- Caterpillar
- RTI International
- Chargepoint
- PSNC Energy
- NC DOT-Transit
- NC DOT-Rail
 - McDowell Engineers & Associates
- NC DOT-Ports
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- North Carolina Propane Gas Association

- North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center
- InnovoGraph
- City of Wilmington
- Duke Energy
- Piedmont Natural Gas
- NC Motor Fleet Management
- NC Clean Cities Coalition
 - Triangle Clean Cities Coalition
 - Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition
 - Land of Sky Clean Vehicle Coalition
- Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions (Duke University)
- KEW Grant Services and Knoxville Locomotive Works



Next step - Opportunity for engagement

Request For Information (RFI)

- For planning purposes
- Get key input from government and nongovernment stakeholders
- Will assist in determining the range and types of diesel emission reduction and mitigation projects that potentially exist in the state
- Help inform NC's draft Beneficiary Mitigation Plan



Summary

Early in the process

Public engagement and transparency

Settlement parameters

"...goal... to achieve reductions of NOx emissions"

DEQ/DAQ experience



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