

DNREC soliciting RFPs for projects to benefit Delaware's environment through VW Mitigation Plan settlement funds

DNREC sets public meeting set for Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Dover

DOVER – The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control will host a public meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Dover to solicit requests for proposals on projects benefiting the state's environment to be funded by lawsuits settled against Volkswagen and Audi for installing emissions "defeat devices" on the automakers' vehicles in violation of the federal Clean Air Act. The meeting will be held at the State Street Commons Building, 100 W. Water Street, Suite 6A, Dover, DE 19904.

Delaware anticipates spending approximately \$3.2 million from an Environmental Mitigation Trust established through partial settlements against the automakers. This is the second of three rounds of the mitigation trust's settlement funding for the state, with each round providing the same amount of funding, or about \$9.6M in total for Delaware. DNREC's Division of Air Quality has begun soliciting proposals on projects that reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from the following environmental mitigation actions:

- Class 8 Local Freight and Port Drayage Trucks
- Class 4 School Bus, Shuttle bus, or Transit Bus
- Freight Switchers
- Ferries/Tugs
- Ocean Going Vessels
- Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks

- Airport Ground Support Equipment
- Forklifts and Port Cargo Handling Equipment

The solicitation can be found on the state Office of Management and Budget website at: bids.delaware.gov. The Feb. 13 pre-bid meeting hosted by DNREC is intended to provide an overview of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation application process.

Comments and questions will be considered during the meeting. Both may be submitted before the meeting to Deanna Morozowich at Deanna.morozowich@delaware.gov or online to the VW Mitigation mailbox at VW_Mitigation_Plan@delaware.gov. Written questions will be received by the Division of Air Quality until Friday, March 4.

Proposals for projects that seek funding from the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust are due by DNREC close of business Thursday, March 28. VW Environmental Mitigation Funds are expected to be awarded during the second half of the year.

More information on the VW Mitigation Plan is available [on the DNREC website](#). More about the Feb. 13 public meeting can be found [on the Delaware Public Meeting Calendar](#).

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