



## DNREC – Division of Air Quality

### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

#### Delaware’s Environmental Mitigation Plan

On October 25, 2016, a Partial Consent Decree was finalized between the United States Justice Department, the Volkswagen (VW) Corporation, and its subsidiaries regarding the installation and use of emissions testing defeat devices in over 500,000 vehicles sold and operated in the United States beginning in 2009. Use of these defeat devices has increased air emissions of nitrogen oxide (NOX), resulting in adverse impacts to air quality and violating the federal Clean Air Act.

The VW Environmental Mitigation Trust has been established as part the Settlement. States are to identify and provide funds to projects that mitigate air quality impacts from high emitting diesel vehicles and engines. The State of Delaware’s share of the Environmental Mitigation Trust is approximately \$9 million. The Trust establishes a process to administer and receive the funds and identifies 5 categories of eligible mitigation actions.

In response to the Settlement, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Air Quality has developed a proposed mitigation plan to accept and distribute these funds to eligible projects. The proposed plan is focused on the eligible types of mitigation actions that can produce the greatest air quality benefit in terms of NOX emission reductions, reduce public exposure, and promote clean vehicle technologies. The proposed state mitigation plan can be found at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/air/Pages/VWMitigationPlan.aspx>

DAQ is announcing a public meeting and a public comment period on the proposed state mitigation plan. The mitigation plan is expected to have a significant positive impact on the State of Delaware; therefore the DAQ is requesting input from the public to help develop a final mitigation plan prior to taking any formal action. This meeting is not a solicitation for projects under the mitigation plan.

Public Meeting Details	Thursday, March 23, 2017 starting at 6:00 pm DNREC State Street Commons Training Room 100 W. Water Street, Suite 6A Dover, DE 19904
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Public comments are being accepted until Monday, April 3, 2017. Written comments may be sent to [VW\\_Mitigation\\_Plan@state.de.us](mailto:VW_Mitigation_Plan@state.de.us) or mailed to: Division of Air Quality, State Street Commons, 100 W. Water Street, Suite 6A, Dover, DE 19904

For additional information on this public meeting, please contact Deanna Cuccinello at 302-739-9402.

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