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Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Plan

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I. BACKGROUND

On October 18, 2016, an initial Partial Consent Decree was finalized between the U.S. Justice Department, the Volkswagen (VW) Corporation, and its subsidiaries regarding the installation and use of emissions testing defeat devices in approximately 590,000 2.0 and 3.0 liter engine vehicles sold and operated in the United States beginning with model 2009 through 2014. A second partial settlement was approved for the 3.0 liter engine class of vehicles on May 17, 2017. 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. NOx emissions contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, which impairs lung function and cardiovascular health.

The Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries (Trust) dated October 2, 2017 has been established as part of the Partial Consent Decrees. Funds are to be used for environmental mitigation projects that reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides ("NOx") where the Subject Vehicles were, are, or will be operated. The Trust Agreement is intended to fully mitigate the total, lifetime excess NOx emissions from the Subject Vehicles where the Subject Vehicles were, are, or will be operated.

The State of Delaware has been allocated approximately $9.6 million from the Environmental Mitigation Trust based on the number of affected vehicles in Delaware. Delaware applied for Beneficiary status on November 27, 2017 and officially became eligible to receive funds on January 29, 2018. Wilmington Trust, as the court appointed Trustee, holds all funds and will disburse the funds upon receiving a state submitted work plan and budget. The Trust establishes a process to administer and receive the funds, including the development of a mitigation plan, and the types of mitigation projects eligible for funding[1].

[1] Appendix D of the Partial Consent Decree MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC)

In addition to projects that reduce NOx emissions, under the partial consent decree, states may allocate up to 15% of the funds towards zero emission vehicle fueling and charging infrastructure (i.e. Hydrogen fueling and electric vehicle charging stations).

II. OVERVIEW, OBJECTIVES AND FUNDING PRIORITIES

On behalf of the State of Delaware, the Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) has developed this Proposed Environmental Mitigation Plan to provide the public with insight into the state's vision and overall approach to use the mitigation trust funds. The primary goal of the State of Delaware's mitigation plan is to improve and protect ambient air quality by implementing eligible mitigation projects that will achieve significant and sustained reductions in NO_x emission exposures in the following:

- Areas with poor air quality;
- Areas with historical air quality issues; and
- Areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel vehicles.

In accordance with Appendix D of the Partial Consent Decree,[2] this Proposed Environmental Mitigation Plan specifically describes:

- The funding priorities established to guide the planning, solicitation, and project selection processes,

[2] Section 4.1 Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, Appendix D of the Partial Consent Decree MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC).

- The categories of eligible mitigation projects anticipated to be appropriate to achieve the stated goals and the assessment of the allocation of funds anticipated to be used for each type of eligible mitigation project,

- How the state may consider the potential beneficial impact of the selected eligible mitigation projects on air quality in areas that historically bear a disproportionate share of the air pollution burden, and

- The anticipated ranges of emission benefits that would be realized by implementation of the eligible mitigation projects identified in the Environmental Mitigation Plan.

In addition to the above listed Environmental Mitigation Plan components, DNREC will seek and consider public comments on the State of Delaware's Proposed Environmental Mitigation Plan, which will be included in the final plan as required by the Consent Decree[3].

The State of Delaware has the discretion to adjust its objectives and specific spending plan when necessary to achieve the plan's goal; for that reason, this plan is a living document. The State of Delaware will provide updates of the mitigation plan to the Trustee and on DNREC's public webpage about Delaware's actions for meeting the requirements of the Partial Consent Decree and the Mitigation Trust, at:

https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/air/mobile-sources/vw-mitigation-plan/

This Proposed Environmental Mitigation Plan is not a solicitation for projects. As such, this plan does not include details on the competitive application.

[3] https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/third-partial-and-30l-second-partial-and-20l-partial-and-amended-consent-decree

III. PHASED FUNDING APPROACH AND ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

DNREC is proposing a phased-in plan for the State of Delaware's allocation of funding. A phased plan will allow the state to:

- Build transparency and involve the public in reviewing and revising the plan between phases;
- Learn which projects work best, and modify requests for proposals in subsequent phases to focus on the most effective projects;
- Allow the state to identify environmental justice areas; and
- Allow the state to adjust priorities and investments based on the newest and most up-to-date vehicle technology.

The first phase of funding will be the first step in achieving our goals for the program. The phases of funding are:

- **Phase 1: $3,225,560.99 (2018-2023)** – DNREC proposes to replace old diesel school buses with new cleaner school buses over a five year period.
- **Phase 2: $361,374.75 (2019-2020)** – DNREC offered a competitive RFP for projects in all categories. Two projects were determined by eligibility criteria set forth in the plan. These projects are described in Phase 2.
- **Phase 3: $2,234,590 (2020-2021)** – DNREC will allocate 15% of the funds for electric vehicle supply equipment. Projects will consist of the replacement of five (5) government-owned dump trucks and a competitive RFP where applications will be accepted for projects in all categories as well as school bus replacements

with private transportations providers. Projects will be determined by the eligibility criteria set forth in the plan.

- **Phase 4: Up to $3.8 million (2022-2023)** – Projects will consist of a competitive RFP where applications will be accepted for projects in all categories as well as school bus replacements with private transportations providers. Projects will be determined by the eligibility criteria set forth in the plan.

Delaware's allocation of Trust funds is $9,676,682.97 (0.33% of the total $2.9 billion in Trust funds made available to states and Tribes). DNREC has proposed that Trust funds will be requested and made available for mitigation projects. A detailed project timeline can be found in **Table 1**.

Table 1 - Tentative Timeline of Events

Event	Time Frame
Court approves the partial settlement	October 25, 2016
Court Approves Trustee	March 15, 2017
Court Approves Trust	October 2, 2017
Delaware files Beneficiary Certification Application	November 27, 2017
Trustee Certifies Delaware as a Beneficiary	January 29, 2018
Public Comment on the draft Mitigation Plan	March 28, 2018
Delaware finalizes preliminary Mitigation Plan	December 2018
Delaware initiates Phase 1 – year 1 projects	Quarter 4 2018
Delaware releases RFP – Phase 2	January 28, 2019
Delaware selects Phase 2 projects	Quarter 3 2019
Delaware finalizes Phase 1 – year 1 projects	Quarter 4 2019
Public Comment opens on Draft Phase 3 Plan	December 2019
Delaware initiates Phase 1 – year 2 projects	Quarter 1 2020
Delaware initiates Phase 2 projects	Quarter 1 2020
Delaware releases an RFP on Phase 3 projects.	Quarter 1 2020
Delaware selects Phase 3 projects	Quarter 3 2020
Delaware finalizes Phase 1 – year 2 projects	Quarter 4 2020
Delaware finalizes Phase 2 projects	Quarter 4 2020*
Delaware initiates Phase 1 – year 3 projects	Quarter 1 2020*
Delaware initiates Phase 3 projects	Quarter 1 2020*
Delaware finalizes Phase 1 – year 3 projects	Quarter 4 2021*
Delaware finalizes Phase 3 projects	Quarter 4 2021*
Delaware releases an RFP on Phase 4 projects	Quarter 1 2022*
Delaware initiates Phase 1 – year 4 projects	Quarter 1 2022*
Delaware selects Phase 3 projects	Quarter 3 2022*
Delaware finalizes Phase 1 – year 4 projects	Quarter 4 2022*

Event	Time Frame
Delaware initiates Phase 4 projects	Quarter 1 2023*
Delaware finalizes Phase 3 projects	Quarter 4 2023*

*Dates are estimates and are subject to change.

DNREC will maintain and make publically available all documentation submitted in the support of each funding request on the VW Settlement project website[4].

IV. SUMMARY OF PHASED SPENDING APPROACH

Phase 1 - School Bus Replacement Program:

The Department has recommended that Phase 1 funding be used to replace diesel school buses with cleaner school buses. DNREC's 2014 Emissions Inventory has concluded that up to 72% of in-state NO_x emissions can be attributed to the transportation sector. Delaware's emissions from heavy and medium duty vehicles (which include school buses) are becoming an increasingly larger source of overall mobile source emissions for nitrogen oxides (NO_x), as shown in Figure 1.

Research shows NO_x emissions will be reduced by 11 percent just by replacing a diesel school bus with a new propane school bus[5].

[4]DNREC Website: **https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/air/mobile-sources/vw-mitigation-plan/**

[5] Propane education and Research Council - https://www.propanecouncil.org/

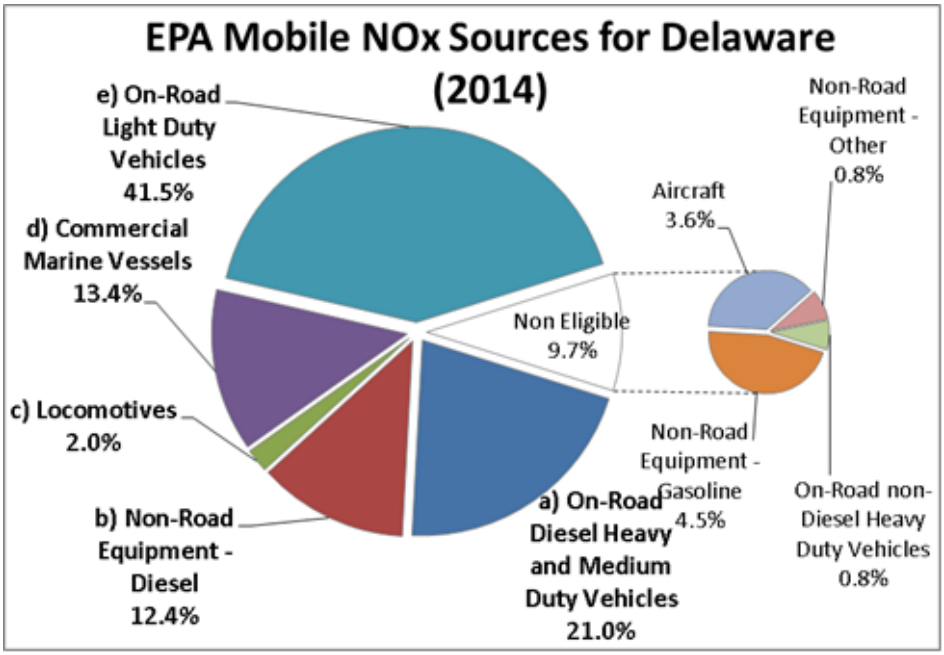

Figure 1 - Mobile NOx Sources for Delaware (Source 2014 NEI v1)

Studies have demonstrated that older, more polluting diesel school buses present significant health risks for the students who typically ride the bus. This includes the exacerbation of pre-existing pulmonary disorders such as asthma. Asthma is the most common long-term childhood disease, making newer and cleaner buses an urgent priority. Additionally, children are more susceptible to air pollution because their respiratory systems are still developing and they have faster breathing rates than do adults[6].

Lastly, replacing school buses with buses that operate on cleaner burning fuel will assist the Department in reducing emissions in Delaware's environmental justice (EJ) areas. Environmental Justice is the act of equity among all races, ethnicities, income, and social classes of people and includes any census tract with a poverty level of 20% or higher and where 30% or more are considered minorities. The Department's mission relative to environmental justice ensures that no particular area receives disproportionate environmental impacts due to air pollution.

[6] American Lung Association – http://www.ala.org

Phase 1 - Program Requirements:

In Phase 1, the Department proposes and continues to use up to 1/3 of the allocated Trust funds or $3,225,560.99 to provide funds to the Department of Education for the replacement of school buses with cleaner burning fuel. The Department is proposing a cost share of 30% for government-owned school bus replacements.

To be eligible, each school bus being replaced must be:

1) Scrapped and destroyed at the time of replacement;

2) Owned and operated in Delaware;

3) Equipped with a model year 1992 to 2009 engine;

4) Serve a public school district or a charter school in Delaware where at least 40% of the students are disparately impacted as shown in **Table 2 and 3**;

5) Each new bus purchased must be of equivalent size as the bus being replaced;

6) The bus must be replaced with a current model year or newer; and

7) The replaced school bus must be fueled by propane or clean diesel.

Table 2 - Percentage of Disparately Impacted Students by School District

County	School District	Disparately Impacted (%)
New Castle	Appoquinimink	13.2
	Brandywine	29.8

County	Christina	**42.9**
	Colonial	39.8
	New Castle Co. Vo-Tech	27.6
	Red Clay	34.1
	Smyrna	24.9
Kent County	Caesar Rodney	30.5
	Capital	**48.9**
	Lake Forest	**39.4**
	Milford	**41.2**
	Polytech Vo-Tech	17.0
Sussex County	Cape Henlopen	29.0
	Delmar	14.2
	Indian River	36.0
	Laurel	**47.4**
	Seaford	**47.7**
	Sussex Technical	16.6
	Woodbridge	**41.9**

Table 3 - Percentage of Disparately Impacted Students by Charter School

County	Charter School	Disparately Impacted (%)
New Castle County	Academia Antonia Alonso	**57.3**
	Charter School of New Castle	**51.4**
	Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security	39.9
	Delaware Design-Lab High School	29.9
	East Side Charter School	**79.3**
	First State Montessori Academy	11.6
	Freire Charter School	**48.9**
	Gateway Lab School	**42.3**
	Great Oaks Charter School	**55.8**
	Kuumba Academy Charter School	**62.2**
	Las Americas Aspira Academy	25.4
	MOT Charter School	5.3
	Moyer (Maurice J.) Academy	20.0
	Newark Charter School	8.0
	Odyssey Charter School	14.4
	Prestige Academy	**73.4**
Kent County	Academy of Dover	**67.8**
	Campus Community Charter School	**40.0**
	Early College High School at Delaware State University	33.1
	First State Military Academy	24.9
	Positive Outcomes Charter School	30.2
	Providence Creek Academy Charter School	18.0
Sussex County	Sussex Academy	9.0

Phase 2 - Competitive RFP Program:

In phase 2 of the plan, the Department proposed to provide up to 1/3 of the allocated Trust funds or $3,225,560.99 in 2019 for the replacement of eligible mitigation

actions[7]. The Department will issue a competitive request for proposals (RFP) for projects that reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from the transportation sector.

The following mitigation project types will be eligible for use of the VW Settlement Funds per the Trust Agreement found in Appendix D-2:

1.) **Class 8 Local Freight Trucks and Port Drayage Trucks (Eligible Large Trucks)**

2.) **Class 4-8 School Bus, Shuttle Bus, or Transit Bus (Eligible Buses)**

3.) **Freight Switchers**

4.) **Ferries/Tugs**

5.) **Ocean Going Vessels (OGV) Shorepower**

6.) **Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks (Medium Trucks)**

7.) **Airport Ground Support Equipment**

8.) **Forklifts and Port Cargo Handling Equipment**

Environmental Benefits:

The retrofit, repower, or replacement of eligible vehicles and equipment may provide a wide range of emission benefits based on many variables, including the type of vehicle or engine replaced, the initial age of the engine, and the engine power rating.

[7] The Department anticipates spending $361,674.75 in Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds for Phase 2. The remaining $2.8M will rollover to Phase 3 which will provide approximately $6.0M to spend.

Each of the 8 project categories outlined in the VW Settlement Environmental Mitigation Plan will result in the following combined environmental benefits:

- Tons of pollution reduced or avoided over the lifetime of the zero emissions vehicle supply equipment, specifically, NO_X, PM2.5, GHGs such as CO_2 and black carbon,

- Net reduction in gallons of diesel fuel and/or other fossil fuels used,

- Improved ambient air quality and human health in communities located in nonattainment areas, areas with historical air quality issues, or in areas that bear a disproportionate share of the air pollution burden, as well as benefits to the local economy, and the welfare of residents in such communities, and

- Reduced public exposure to diesel particulate matter, which the U.S. EPA has classified as a likely human carcinogen.

Additionally, based on current EPA exhaust emission standards for NOx:[8]

- Heavy duty highway vehicles may provide up to a 96% reduction in NOx emissions per vehicle, based on replacing a model year 1992 engine with a model year 2007 engine,

- Non-road equipment replacements, depending on the type of equipment and engine power rating, may provide between a 20% and 95% reduction in NOx emissions per engine,

- In locomotives, replacing the oldest (Tier 0) engine with the newest (Tier 4) engine may provide up to an 89% NOx reduction per engine,

[8] EPA exhaust emission standard data retrieved from: https://www.epa.gov/emission-standards-reference-guide.

- In commercial marine vessels, an upgrade or repower of a ferry or tug engine may provide up to an 80% NOx reduction for each vessel, and

- Shorepower projects may reduce all NOx exhaust emissions from many ocean-going vessels.

These anticipated ranges of emission benefits were used to inform the plan's funding priorities, categories of eligible mitigation projects, and funding allocation considerations for each category of eligible mitigation projects. It is important to note that the range of emission benefits mentioned above are for individual engines and actual NOx emissions reductions will vary based on the type of projects received for funding consideration and the eligible mitigation projects ultimately funded. However, in order to achieve the goal of the state mitigation plan, it is a priority to fund sizeable projects designed to achieve the greatest emission reduction for the dollar (i.e., capital cost effectiveness in dollars/ton).

The cost shares and requirements involved for each vehicle or equipment repower or replacement will be equivalent to the terms of the Diesel Emission Reduction (DERA)[9] grant. Cost shares identified in **Table 4** are based on the FY2017 State Clean Diesel Program Guide[10].

[9] The DERA program is a Congressionally-authorized project that enables the U.S. EPA to offer assistance for actions reducing diesel emissions. Thirty percent of the annual DERA funds are allocated to the DERA Clean Diesel State Grant Program. States and territories that match the base amount dollar per dollar receive an additional amount of EPA DERA funding to add to the grant (50% of the base amount). Trust funds can be used for states or territories non-federal match on a 1:1 basis.

[10] 2017 FY2017 State Clean Diesel Program Guide - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-02/documents/fy17-state-program-guide-2017-02.pdf

Table 4 - Cost Shares for Eligible Mitigation Actions

Eligible Mitigation Action	Activity	Vehicle and Equipment Eligibility (Engine Model Year or Tier)	VW Funding	Cost Share Required
Class 8 Local Freight Trucks and Port Drayage Trucks (Eligible Large Trucks) & Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks (Eligible Medium Trucks)	Engine replacement with new diesel or alternate fueled engine	1992-2009	40%	60%
	Engine replacement with new all-electric engine	1992-2009	60%	40%
	Vehicle replacement with new diesel or alternate fueled vehicle	1992-2009	25% (50% for Drayage)	75% (50% for Drayage)
	Vehicle Replacement with all-electric vehicle	1992-2009	45%	55%
Class 4-8 School Bus, Shuttle Bus, or Transit Bus (Eligible Buses)	Engine replacement with new diesel or alternate fueled engine	2009 and older	40%	60%
	Engine replacement with new all-electric engine	2009 and older	60%	40%
	Vehicle replacement with new diesel or alternate fueled vehicle	2009 and older	25%	75%
	Vehicle Replacement with all-electric vehicle	2009 and older	45%	55%
Freight Switchers	Engine replacement with new diesel or alternate fueled engine or generator sets that are EPA certified	Pre-Tier 4	40%	60%
	Engine replacement with new all-electric engine	Pre-Tier 4	60%	40%
	Locomotive replacement with new diesel or alternate fueled freight switcher that is EPA certified	Pre-Tier 4	25%	75%
	Locomotive replacement with	Pre-Tier 4	45%	55%

Eligible Mitigation Action	Activity	Vehicle and Equipment Eligibility (Engine Model Year or Tier)	VW Funding	Cost Share Required
	new all-electric freight switcher			
Ferries/Tugs	Engine replacement with new Tier 3 or 4 diesel or alternate fueled engine	Pre-Tier 3	40%	60%
	Engine replacement with new all-electric engine	Pre-Tier 3	60%	40%
	Certified Remanufacture System or Verified Engine Upgrade	Pre-Tier 3	40%	60%
Ocean Going Vessels	Costs associated with shore-side system	n/a	25%	75%
Airport Ground Support Equipment	Engine replacement with new all-electric engine	Pre-Tier 3	60%	40%
Forklifts and Port Cargo Handling Equipment	Equipment replacement with new all-electric equipment	8000+ lbs lift capacity	45%	55%

Non-government and government entities are eligible to apply for funding to implement mitigation projects. Project funding will be awarded through a competitive process in accordance with Delaware's procurement laws[11]. Any unspent funds remaining at the end of Phase 2 will be rolled into a subsequent Phase.

Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA):

The Department may leverage the projects in all phases in order to received additional Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant funding. Any source type applying for grant funding will be subject to the requirements of the DERA State Clean

[11] Delaware Procurement laws can be found at http://mymarketplace.delaware.gov/

Diesel Grant Program, including but not limited to general eligibility, project evaluation criteria, eligible project and administrative expenditures, cost-share, and funding restrictions.

The projects submitted via the RFP will be reviewed by a Department established Project Selection Committee. The committee will select and rank project applications based on a set "Project Scoring Criteria/Matrix" developed by the Department as shown in **Table 5** expressly for this purpose.

Phase 2, Phase 3, and Phase 4 Program Requirements:

To be eligible, each vehicle or piece of equipment to be repowered or replaced must be:

1) Scrapped and destroyed at the time of replacement;

2) Owned and operated in Delaware;

3) Equipped with an eligible model year engine or Tier level;

4) Serve an environmental justice area;

5) Each new vehicle or engine purchased must be of appropriate /equivalent size as the vehicle or engine being replaced; and

6) The new vehicle must be replaced with a current model year or newer.

Volkswagen RFP Scoring Matrix:

The Department has developed a project RFP scoring criteria/matrix. Each application submitted will be scored based on the factors outlined in the matrix in **Table 5**. The number of projects that are selected for funding in each phase will depend on the applications received and interest by vehicle and equipment owners.

The following criteria will be used by the grant Review Committee to review and score applications received for the VW Mitigation Funds:

Table 5 - VW Settlement RFP Award Criteria

Project Award Criteria	Points Possible	Points Awarded	Comments
Measurable, verifiable reduction in NOx emissions - The project will produce a net reduction in NOx emissions in the State and result in a measurable, verifiable reduction in NOx per ton of emissions using the Diesel Emission Quantifier. - Projects must meets eligibility requirements of Appendix D-2 of the VW Mitigation Plan	30		
Project Budget -The proposed budget is thorough, robust, realistic and cost effective. - The applicant must show a detailed budget with all cost shares explained.	15		
Proposed Project Location - The project is sited near a major highway or transportation corridor, shipping route, or near a shipping logistics center. - This project will address an environmental justice (EJ) area or related location that receives a disparate proportion of environmental impacts. - The project avoids environmentally sensitive areas or areas containing critical habitats. -Priority will be given to projects in non-attainment and air quality maintenance areas.	15		
Project Timeline The proposed project must define when the project will commence and will end.	15		

Project Award Criteria	Points Possible	Points Awarded	Comments
Ability to be Replicated throughout the State - The proposed project has the ability to be replicated throughout the state with other fleets or for public access.	10		
Collaboration with other Entities in the State - The project includes collaborative efforts between the applicant and project team (an anchor fleet or fleets, utility/fuel provider, vehicle dealer, or manufacturer).	10		
Economic Development - The project creates and/or retains local jobs for Delawareans. - The project serves as an economic development engine for local Delaware based companies.	5		
Total Points	**100**		

Status Update of Phase 2 Program:

The Department selected two projects for replacement in 2020 under the Request for Proposal NAT19001-VWEMTFP. The Department is partnering with Waste Management, Inc. of Delaware in the replacement of ten (10) solid waste collection units as compressed natural gas (CNG) for the first project. The waste collection units will serve in New Castle and Sussex County, which are both designated as non-attainment areas. This project will use combined Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant funds ($316,019.00) and Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Funds ($183,981.00).

For the second project, the Department is partnering with The Teens Warehouse, Inc. to replace one diesel school bus with new, electric school bus with associated electric vehicle supply equipment. The electric bus will serve New Castle County. Funds shall cover up to 45% of the cost of an eligible replacement vehicle powered by an engine certified to the 2019 model year or newer standards and the charging infrastructure associated with the new all-electric vehicle. The project will cost $177,693.75. As previously described, any funds remaining from Phase 2 will rollover

to Phase 3. The Department estimates that $2.8M will remain in Phase 2 so Phase 3 will have approximately $6.0M available.

Status Update of Phase 3 Program:

The Department selected two projects for replacement in 2021 under the Request for Proposal NAT20002-VWEMTFP. The Department is partnering with Sutton Bus & Truck Company in the replacement of eight (8) diesel school buses with propane buses. The school buses will serve in New Castle County, which is a designated non-attainment area. This project will use combined Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant funds ($57,143.00) and Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Funds ($128,857.00).

For the second project, the Department is partnering with Bowman Bus Service to replace one diesel school bus with new, clean diesel school bus that will serve Kent County. The project will cost $25,750.00. Funds shall cover up to 25% of the cost of an eligible replacement bus powered by an engine certified to the 2019 model year or newer. Any funds remaining from Phase 3 will rollover to Phase 4.

During Phase 3 of this funding, DNREC's Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy will receive 15% ($1.45M) of the Trust funds to administer a competitive grant program for the deployment of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). Specifically, these funds will be utilized to incentivize the construction and operation of DC Fast Charging stations in the state to provide residents and travelers with convenient and consistent access to electric vehicle supply equipment. Grant funding will be provided for the material costs of publically available DC Fast Charging Stations installed within the state of Delaware. Eligible entities for grant funding will include Delaware-based businesses, not-for-profit organizations, government entities, and educational institutions. Project proposals will be submitted through competitive Request for Proposal process and will be evaluated based on criteria in the categories of:

- Estimated greenhouse gas reductions

- Proximity to Alternative Fuel Corridors and proximity to high traffic volume routes
- Accessibility regarding payment options
- Thoroughness of the Operations and Maintenance Plan
- Overall project budget and cost effectiveness

The RFP for Electric vehicle supply equipment will be released in Quarter 4 of 2021. Additionally, the Department will allocate up to $700,000 to replace five (5) Class 8 government-owned dump trucks with the Division of Fish and Wildlife. These vehicles will be used around the state.

Phase 4 - A Hybrid Program:

The Department estimates that $3.8M remains from all spending for Phase 4. A competitive request for proposals (RFP) will be released in Quarter 1 2022. In the Competitive RFP, the Department will pursue the following projects:

- School bus replacements with the privately-owned school bus contractors. In Delaware, private school bus contractors provide 2/3 of transportation services to Delaware schools. The Department will allocate funds in the replacement of propane or clean diesel school buses. The contractors are eligible for a 25% cost share and school bus replacements must match the criteria established in Phase 1 - Program Requirements and Phase 2 – Competitive RFP Program.

- All other eligible mitigation actions. The remaining Trust funds will be used for the replacement of eligible mitigation actions listed in Phase 2 – Competitive RFP Program.