



# **Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust**

## **Update and Milestones**



## Designation of the Beneficiary and Lead Agency

- No later than 60 days after the Trust Effective Date, an eligible beneficiary must file a single certification form, certified by the Governor (**filed November 21, 2017**).
- The Governor has designated the TCEQ as the Lead Agency for administering the funds.
- The Trustee must file a Notice of Beneficiary Designation not later than 120 days after the Trust Effective Date (**early February**).



# Beneficiary Mitigation Plan

- Must be filed at least 30 days before submission of the first funding request.
- The Plan summarizes how the Beneficiary plans to use the funds, addressing:
  1. Overall goal for use of the funds
  2. Categories of Mitigation Actions and preliminary assessment of the percentages of funds anticipated to be used for each type of action
  3. Description of how the Beneficiary will consider the potential beneficial impact on air quality in areas that bear a disproportionate share of the air pollution burden
  4. General description of the expected ranges of air emissions benefits





# Funding Requests

- In general, the funds must be spent within ten years.
- Beneficiaries may request up to 1/3 during the first year, or 2/3 during the first two years.
- Funding Requests must include a detailed list and information on each Eligible Mitigation Action to be funded.
- Beneficiaries may use Trust Funds for actual administrative expenditures associated with implementing each Eligible Mitigation Action, not to exceed 15% of the total cost of the Eligible Mitigation Action.



## Next Steps

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- TCEQ invites input and recommendations regarding use of the funds and development of the state's mitigation plan.
- TCEQ will prepare a draft mitigation plan and solicit public comment on the plan.
- Visit the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust webpage for information and updates on status of the state's efforts.



# Information and Contact

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For copies of the Trust Agreement and information on submitting recommendations, visit the TCEQ's Volkswagen Mitigation Trust webpage at:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/trust>

Questions and recommendations may be emailed to:

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# Mail

*Recommendations may also be submitted by mail*

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