

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Input on the District of Columbia's Draft Spending Plan for Volkswagen Settlement Funds (Draft Beneficiary Mitigation Plan)

The District of Columbia (District) will receive \$8.125 million as a result of the civil enforcement case, *Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales, Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*. The settlement stems from Volkswagen's (VW) use of a defeat device in its diesel vehicles, which allowed the vehicles to emit much higher levels of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) than allowed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The settlement funds are primarily intended to reduce NOx emissions from diesel vehicles.

To use the VW settlement funds, the District must develop a mitigation plan that describes how the District intends to use its allotted funds to offset the air quality impacts, primarily NOx pollution, that occurred due to the defeat devices on VW vehicles. Mayor Bowser selected the District's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) to serve as the lead agency to coordinate the use of the District's VW settlement funds. DOEE is asking for public input on the District's Draft Spending Plan for Volkswagen Settlement Funds ("Draft Spending Plan" or "Draft Beneficiary Mitigation Plan") and will consider the feedback in developing the final plan.

DOEE is soliciting input on this Draft Spending Plan from all interested parties. This document does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Application (RFA) or a promise to issue a RFP or RFA in the future. DOEE will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this Draft; all costs associated with responding to this Draft will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this Draft does not preclude participation in any future RFP or RFA.

A person may obtain a copy of this Draft Spending Plan by any of the following means:

- **Download** from DOEE's website, <https://doee.dc.gov/page/volkswagen-settlement>.
- **Email** a request to alexandra.catena@dc.gov with "RE: Draft Spending Plan" in the subject line.
- **Pick up a copy in person** from DOEE's reception desk, located at 1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

Public Information Open House: Wednesday, February 21, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at 4058 Minnesota Ave NE (Department of Employment Services Community Room #1), conveniently located next to the Minnesota Avenue Metro station on the Orange Line. The public can submit comments and provide input during the Open House.

The deadline for public comments is Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:00pm. Input should be submitted via e-mail (preferred) or mail to the address below. Mail should be postmarked by **March 12, 2018** at 5:00pm.

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