



VW Mitigation Plan

Goal and Overarching Principles

Goal

As intended by the consent decree, the goal of the mitigation plan is to reduce emissions from diesel engines in Washington where the 2.0 and 3.0 liter Volkswagen vehicles were, are, or will be operated. Washington's actions fully mitigate the total, lifetime excess nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions of the subject vehicles.

Overarching Principles

Washington will achieve the goal by funding mitigation actions through an open, transparent process. The following principles will be used to focus and prioritize the selection of eligible mitigation projects. Projects must address all three principles.

- Improve air quality for communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the air pollution burden in Washington
- Provide air quality co-benefits beyond NOx reductions¹
- Maximize air quality benefits that improve public health

Washington will prioritize funding for projects that:

- Accelerate adoption of electric vehicles²
- Accelerate fleet turnover to cleaner engines
- Achieve substantial additional emission reductions - beyond what would already occur, absent trust funding
- Ensure cost effectiveness
- Leverage additional public and private funds
- Promote transformational change in vehicle emissions reductions
- Use proven technologies over experimental or emerging technologies, such as demonstration and pilot projects that only offer potential benefits

To the extent possible, funded projects should help achieve the *Results Washington* goal of 50,000 electric vehicles on the road by 2020.

¹ Co-benefits include reduce criteria and toxic air pollutants in addition to NOx, reduce greenhouse gasses, support NAAQS attainment, reduce particle pollution including black carbon as a short lived climate forcer, etc.

² The Department of Ecology will work with the Department of Transportation to select projects and distribute VW settlement funding.