

Volkswagen Mitigation Plan Questionnaire:

DNREC is soliciting public comments on the proposed mitigation plan. DNREC particularly seeks comment on the following issues regarding the Environmental Mitigation Plan:

1. Do you support the three phased approach over a three year time period? If not, please provide suggestions on how the funds should be distributed and spent.
2. What is the appropriate cost share for the school buses in Phase 1? Should the cost share be 25%? Or 40%? Or some other percentage?
3. Should funds be set aside for particular categories in Phase 2 and Phase 3? If so, what categories? Why?
4. Is it appropriate for this program to have cost shares equivalent to the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Program?
5. The criteria for evaluating applications were provided. How should Delaware consider the following factors, and what other factors should be considered? :
 - a. Reductions in emissions of NOx and other pollutants using the Diesel Emission Quantifier,
 - b. Ozone, particulate matter, public health and other environmental factors,
 - c. Project costs and benefits,
 - d. The economic impacts of the proposed projects,
 - e. The geographic distribution of funds,
 - f. Whether a project applicant is low income, minority, or disadvantaged or operates vehicles in an environmental justice community and
 - g. Timeline in completing the project
6. Are the point values assigned appropriate? If not, what should they be?
7. DNREC will conduct public outreach through in-person public meetings, presentations to stakeholder groups, Facebook posts, tweets, written comments and traditional media. What additional modes and methods of outreach, if any, should DNREC consider?

Comments are being accepted through April 27, 2018. Written comments may be emailed to: VW_Mitigation_Plan@state.de.us. Comments may also be sent to: Division of Air Quality, 100 W. Water Street, Suite 6A Dover DE 19904 Attn: VW Settlement