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Dear Valerie,

Thank you for organizing the public hearing last week for the VW Settlement Environmental Mitigation Workplan.

1. As I stated during the meeting, it would be a good idea to solicit projects from a diverse applicant pool. Putting all eggs in one basket would not be a good idea especially if the project does not work out as well as planned. Also, most alternative fuel vehicle acquisitions (such as electric buses) are big ticket items, and so they can completely swamp the budget for a given year. So it might be better to consider several smaller budget projects and spread the funding around.

2. Another thing that I tried to have clarified was the time period of the funding. A 10-year period was stated, but it seemed like you were looking for input on that as well? My belief is that 10 years is probably too long as that translates to \$0.9M/year which can limit the size and scope of projects that can be funded. Perhaps 5 years is a more reasonable time period.

If you would like to add the above two items to your website where you are seeking input from the public, that would be fine.

Thank you!

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