



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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IDEM and Members of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund Committee to Host Public Meetings

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and members of the Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund Committee will host five public meetings around the state to provide information and gather input on Indiana's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan.

Indiana's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan will be based on clean diesel projects that can produce the greatest air quality benefit in terms of diesel emission reductions, with a particular focus on nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emission reductions. Indiana also seeks innovative projects that will have lasting impacts on not only Indiana's air quality, but its infrastructure and economy as well.

The details of the public meetings are as follows:

Jan. 30, 2018 at 6 p.m. (EST)

Nora Branch - Indianapolis Public Library
8625 Guilford Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Feb. 6, 2018 at 6 p.m. (CST)

Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission
6100 Southport Rd.
Portage, IN 46368

Feb. 13, 2018 at 6 p.m. (CST)

CK Newsome Community Center
100 Walnut St. #1
Evansville, IN 47713

Feb. 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (EST)

Aboite Branch - Allen County Public Library
5630 Coventry Ln.
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Feb. 26, 2018 at 6 p.m. (EST)

Seymour Branch - Jackson County Public Library

303 W. Second St.

Seymour, IN 47274

For more information about the Indiana Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Program, please visit www.idem.IN.gov/vwtrust.

About the Committee

The Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund Committee (Committee) was formed under an executive order issued by Gov. Eric Holcomb on Oct. 4, 2017. The Committee will play a vital role in the disbursement of Indiana's share of funds from the Environmental Mitigation Trust created as part of Volkswagen's settlement of Clean Air Act violations regarding diesel emissions from their vehicles. Indiana will receive approximately \$41 million under the terms of the consent decree.

About IDEM

IDEM (www.idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

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