

The VW Settlement Tribal Trust Fund

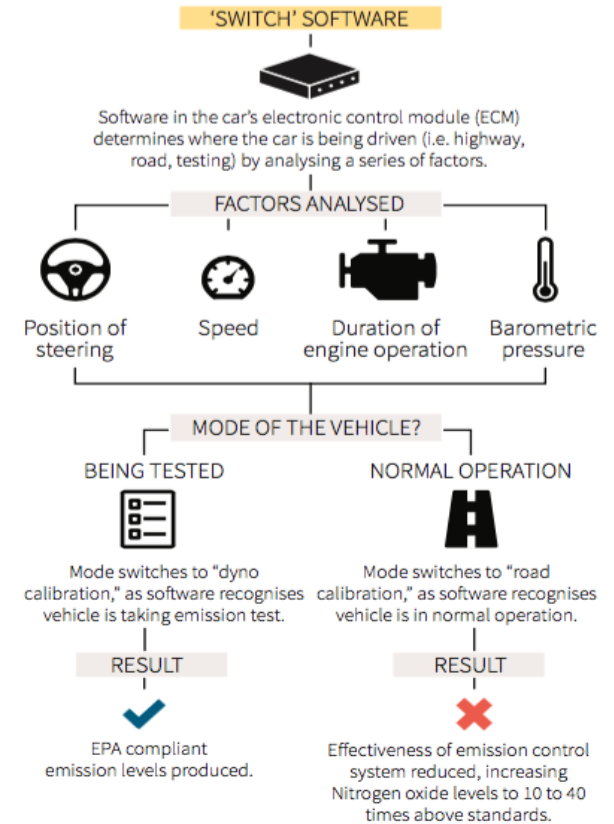


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The Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Cheating Scandal



How Volkswagen's defeat device works



Overview of the VW Environmental Mitigation Modified Trust Agreement



- * Environmental Mitigation Modified Trust Agreement
 - * Funding for States and Tribes for NOx emission mitigation projects
 - * **\$55 million for federally recognized Tribes**
 - * \$2.8 billion for States and Territories
 - * Funds disbursed annually until 2021
 - * Funding cycle opens January 15th and closes around August 30th of each year (for years 2 – 4)

Eligible Mitigation Actions and Mitigation Action Expenditures (Appendix D-2)

1. Class 8 Freight Trucks (Large Trucks)
2. Class 4 – 8 School, Shuttle and Transit Buses
3. Freight Switcher (Locomotives)
4. Ferries and Tugs Engines
5. Ocean Going Vessels Shorepower
6. Class 4 – 7 Freight Trucks (Medium Trucks)
7. Airport Ground Support Equipment
8. Forklifts & Port Cargo Equipment
9. Light Duty Zero Emissions Vehicle Supply Equipment
10. Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Option*
 - * Requires separate proposal to EPA Tribal DERA program



Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investments

- * 15% of allocation can be used for light-duty ZEV infrastructure



How to Access Tribal Trust Funds: Overview of the Process

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CONTACT ITEP

ITEP shares fact sheet, explaining process and Eligible Mitigation Actions (Appendix D-2)

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FILE INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE

ITEP refers to Trustee, who guides process

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GAIN INTRALINKS ACCESS

Trustee grants access to online file-sharing platform

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SUBMIT CERTIFICATION FOR BENEFICIARY STATUS

(Appendix D-3)
ITEP guides and reviews
March 18, 2019

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COMPLETE SAMPLE INVENTORY

ITEP provides template and verifies eligible projects

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TRIBES SUBMIT BENEFICIARY PARTICIPATING NOTICE

(Appendix D-6)
June 17, 2019

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TRUSTEE ALLOCATION NOTICE TO BENEFICIARIES

July 1, 2019

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TRIBE SUBMITS APPENDIX D-4 OR APPENDIX D-7 TO OPT OUT

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August 30, 2019

Technical Assistance Provider: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

- * ITEP named in the VW Settlement's Tribal Trust Agreement as Technical Assistance Provider
- * ITEP is providing outreach, education, technical assistance for Tribes:
 - * Assistance with preparing and reviewing documents
 - * One-on-one support, training videos, and informational webinars
 - * Establish Tribal Advisory Council



Tribal Advisory Council

- * Function of the TAC:
 - * Advise ITEP on its outreach and training efforts related to the Indian Tribe Trust
 - * Provide a forum for Indian Tribes to raise general questions relating to the Indian Tribe Trust Agreement
- * Currently have 7 members from Tribes across the country, including Alaska Native Villages
- * First meeting later this month
- * Can accept additional members up to 11 total, if more people are interested
- * <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/volkswagensettlement/TAC>

The VW Settlement – DERA Option

- * Can use VW Settlement funds as a voluntary cost share in a DERA grant proposal
- * Does not replace mandatory cost share for DERA
- * But it can allow VW funds to be used for vehicles or equipment not otherwise eligible under the Tribal Trust Agreement, such as generators
- * Apply for both programs, informing each program that applicant wishes to combine funding sources

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THANK YOU!

More information on the VW Settlement can be found at
nau.edu/itep-vw

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