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The Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust settlement continues to move forward. Most recently, an agreement was filed with the courts, which is a good indication that we are coming closer to a trustee effective date. Once the trustee date is established, then a beneficiary for each state will be named, and mitigation plans can be developed for how the funding will be allocated and dispersed.

Are you prepared to take advantage of the funding? Following these recommended steps will help put you in a better position to request funding from your state.

Step 1: Define your fleet's needs, and know how many pre-2007 diesel engines you have in your fleet. The Environmental Mitigation Trust defines the exact types of vehicles for this funding, which includes Class 4-8 school, shuttle or transit bus replacement, and Class 4-7 medium-duty truck replacement. All of ROUSH CleanTech's vehicle platforms would be eligible, including the Blue Bird Vision Propane school bus and the ROUSH CleanTech Ford E-450 paratransit shuttle bus.

Step 2: Review these propane autogas [NOx reduction effectiveness calculations](#) that were recently updated with the latest AFLEET data set. See that propane autogas provides the best value in NOx reduction per dollar spent by a wide margin in Class 4-7 trucks and school buses.

Step 3: Respond and participate in meetings that will help your state develop their mitigation plan. Although this process has been in the works for almost a year, you can still get in on the early stages of plan development. Don't assume that your state has finalized their plans — even if you've heard rumors on how it will be allocated. Don't let that funding go somewhere else because your state's beneficiary wasn't well informed. There is still time to make your case for propane known.

For more information about propane autogas and the Environmental Mitigation Trust, visit roushcleantech.com/volkswagen-settlement.

To learn more about ROUSH CleanTech's propane autogas fuel system technology that powers Blue Bird Vision Propane school buses and Ford commercial vehicles, please visit www.roushcleantech.com.

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Blue Bird Vision Propane

The Most Cost-Effective Solution to Reduce NOx Emissions from School Buses

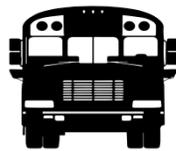
School buses transport 25 million children across the U.S. to and from school each year. Because of the stop-and-go driving conditions, diesel buses emit increased exhaust emissions filled with tiny soot particles and toxic gases. Using the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust (EMT) to fund propane buses enables states to meaningfully reduce this harmful exposure, which benefits our nation's children.



PROPANE

Purchase price: \$95,000
NOx reduced: 537 lbs.

Cost per pound of NOx reduced: \$177



DIESEL

Purchase price: \$90,000
NOx reduced: 331 lbs.

Cost per pound of NOx reduced: \$272



ELECTRIC

Purchase price: \$300,000
NOx reduced: 593 lbs.

Cost per pound of NOx reduced: \$506