

APPENDIX D-4
Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification

BENEFICIARY ELIGIBLE MITIGATION ACTION CERTIFICATION

Beneficiary Maryland

Lead Agency Authorized to Act on Behalf of the Beneficiary Maryland Department of the Environment
(Any authorized person with delegation of such authority to direct the Trustee delivered to the Trustee pursuant to a Delegation of Authority and Certificate of Incumbency)

Action Title:	MD State Projects MDOT (EMA-3)
Beneficiary's Project ID:	MDOT-5-2020
Funding Request No.	<i>(sequential)</i> 10
Request Type: (select one or more)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Advance <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
Payment to be made to: (select one or more)	<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Canton Railroad</u>
Funding Request & Direction (Attachment A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached to this Certification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To be Provided Separately

SUMMARY

Eligible Mitigation Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appendix D-2 item (specify): <u>3 - Freight Switchers</u>
Action Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Item 10 - DERA Option (5.2.12) (specify and attach DERA Proposal): _____
Explanation of how funding request fits into Beneficiary's Mitigation Plan (5.2.1): See Attached	
Detailed Description of Mitigation Action Item Including Community and Air Quality Benefits (5.2.2): See Attached	
Estimate of Anticipated NOx Reductions (5.2.3): See Attached	
Identification of Governmental Entity Responsible for Reviewing and Auditing Expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action Funds to Ensure Compliance with Applicable Law (5.2.7.1): See Attached	
Describe how the Beneficiary will make documentation publicly available (5.2.7.2). See Attached	
Describe any cost share requirement to be placed on each NOx source proposed to be mitigated (5.2.8). See Attached	
Describe how the Beneficiary complied with subparagraph 4.2.8, related to notice to U.S. Government Agencies (5.2.9). See Attached	

If applicable, describe how the mitigation action will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of such emissions (5.2.10).
See Attached

ATTACHMENTS
(CHECK BOX IF ATTACHED)

- Attachment A Funding Request and Direction.
- Attachment B Eligible Mitigation Action Management Plan Including Detailed Budget and Implementation and Expenditures Timeline (5.2.4).
- Attachment C Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11).
- Attachment D Detailed cost estimates from selected or potential vendors for each proposed expenditure exceeding \$25,000 (5.2.6). [Attach only if project involves vendor expenditures exceeding \$25,000.]
- Attachment E DERA Option (5.2.12). [Attach only if using DERA option.]
- Attachment F Attachment specifying amount of requested funding to be debited against each beneficiary's allocation (5.2.13). [Attach only if this is a joint application involving multiple beneficiaries.]

CERTIFICATIONS

By submitting this application, the Lead Agency makes the following certifications:

1. This application is submitted on behalf of Beneficiary Maryland, and the person executing this certification has authority to make this certification on behalf of the Lead Agency and Beneficiary, pursuant to the Certification for Beneficiary Status filed with the Court.
2. Beneficiary requests and directs that the Trustee make the payments described in this application and Attachment A to this Form.
3. This application contains all information and certifications required by Paragraph 5.2 of the Trust Agreement, and the Trustee may rely on this application, Attachment A, and related certifications in making disbursements of trust funds for the aforementioned Project ID.
4. Any vendors were or will be selected in accordance with a jurisdiction's public contracting law as applicable. (5.2.5)
5. Beneficiary will maintain and make publicly available all documentation submitted in

support of this funding request and all records supporting all expenditures of eligible mitigation action funds subject to applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information. (5.2.7.2)

DATED: 5/12/20



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**Appendix D-4 – Supplemental Information
Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification**

Beneficiary: Maryland

Lead Agency: Maryland Department of the Environment

**In support of funding request no. 10
MD State Projects MDOT (EMA-3)**

Appendix D4 – Summary

Explanation of how funding request fits into Beneficiary's Mitigation Plan (5.2.1):

This funding request falls under the State Agency Projects that are detailed starting on page 16 of Maryland's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) through page 20. While this specific project is not outlined in Maryland's BMP, it falls under the State Agency section as the project sponsor is completely owned by the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transportation Authority (MDOT MdTA). Funds allocated under Maryland's BMP for State Agencies were slightly altered, as detailed in previous D-4, to accommodate the replacement of two freight switchers owned and operated by Canton Railroad, a company solely owned by MdTA.

Two GP7R diesel freight switchers built in 1952 with unregulated emissions that each average over 2,600 hours of use a year will be replaced with new Tier 4 switchers using advanced aftertreatment technology to achieve Near Zero Emissions. This funding request will use \$3,800,000 from the VW Trust to replace two diesel freight switchers with new, near-zero Tier 4 emission diesel freight switchers.

Detailed Description of Mitigation Action Item Including Community and Air Quality Benefits (5.2.2):

Canton Railroad will replace two older diesel-powered rail switchers with two new near-zero emission Tier 4 rail switchers. The two diesel switchers were built 1952 and have unregulated emissions. These large diesel vehicles are often rebuilt to continue operating, but their emissions are rarely upgraded to meet newer emissions standards, meaning these vehicles can continue to operate with increased harmful emissions for many years after their intended lifespan has been reached. Replacing these aging, dirty diesel switchers with new, near-zero emission switchers will provide tremendous, direct emissions benefits to the area in and around the Port of Baltimore.

The total cost of these replacements is \$4,750,000. Canton Railroad is committed to providing \$950,000 in matching funds and has requested \$3,800,000 from Maryland's Volkswagen Trust Funds to help fund this project.

These pieces of equipment operate in and around the Port of Baltimore, which, contributes a disproportionate amount of harmful emissions to the Baltimore City. Baltimore City has been designated as a nonattainment area in Maryland. In 2016, Baltimore ranked in the top 10 worst locations for air pollution in the United States with 114 days of elevated air pollution (Elizabeth Ridlington, Frontier Group & Christy Leavitt Environment America Research & Policy Center, Summer 2018)¹. 60% of this pollution is from transportation vehicles.

MDE expects these replacements to result in the following reductions in air pollutants:

Pollutant	NOx	PM 2.5	GHG
Pollution Reduction (Lifetime Tons)	613.88	13.38	4,050

Estimate of Anticipated NOx Reductions (5.2.3):

Annual NOx reductions are estimated to be 15.35 Tons. Lifetime NOx reductions are estimated to be 613.88 Tons.

Identification of Governmental Entity Responsible for Reviewing and Auditing Expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action Funds to Ensure Compliance with Applicable Law (5.2.7.1):

The Maryland Department of the Environment is responsible for all Volkswagen Mitigation Plan projects in Maryland.

Describe how the Beneficiary will make documentation publically available (5.2.7.2):

All documentation will be made publicly available on the Maryland Department of the Environment’s Maryland Volkswagen Mitigation Plan website. This site can be found at:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/MobileSources/Pages/MarylandVolkswagenMitigationPlan.aspx>

Describe any cost share requirements to be placed on each NOx Source proposed to be mitigated (5.2.8):

Canton Railroad is owned by the Maryland Transportation Authority, which is a Transportation Business Unit of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). As part of a state agency, it is therefore eligible for 100% funding through the VW Settlement. However, Canton will provide a 20% match for the replacement of these freight switchers.

Describe how the Beneficiary complied with subparagraph 4.2.8, related to U.S. Government Agencies (5.2.9):

¹ Frontier Group

The Maryland Department of the Environment sent the required notifications to the specified U.S. Government Agencies on February 27th, 2018.

If applicable, describe how the mitigation action will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of such emissions (5.2.10):

These freight switchers operate in and around the Port of Baltimore, an area of the state heavily burdened by harmful vehicle emissions. Baltimore City is a designated nonattainment area in Maryland and ranks as one of the worst areas of the United States for elevated air pollution levels. The Port of Baltimore contributes to the emission problem in Baltimore in its effort to facilitate the vehicle traffic associated with port goods movements.

Replacing these old, unregulated diesel switchers with new, near-zero emission Tier 4 diesel freight switchers will provide direct emissions benefits to the communities around the Port of Baltimore that are subject to the Port's increased harmful emissions burden. Without funding from the VW Trust, these diesel switchers would not be replaced any time in the near future, meaning the unregulated emissions would continue to burden the communities in and around the Port for years to come.

ATTACHMENT B

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN
PROJECT SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES**

Milestone	Date
Request for Proposals announced	2/13/19
Request for Proposals Application Deadline	5/6/19
MDE Reviews applications for State Agency Projects	Jan/Feb 2020
MDE Submits Funding Request to Trustee –Appendix D-4	May 2020
Trustee Acknowledges Receipt of Project Certification and Funding Direction	Receipt from Trustee
Trustee Allocates Share of State Funds for Approved Project	Transfer Date
Grant Agreements signed with selected award recipients	CY 2020, Q2
Project Sponsor provides detailed invoices for all claimed project costs, proof of destruction, required certification documents to MDE to support direction to Trustee for Payment (Reimbursement).	CY 2021, Q2
MDE completes review and certifies payment direction to Trustee (Reimbursement)	CY 2021, Q2
Trustee Acknowledges Receipt of Direction for Payment(s) (Reimbursement)	CY 2021, Q2
Project Sponsor Certifies Project Completion	CY 2021, Q2
MDE Reports Project Completion	CY 2021, Q2

PROJECT BUDGET

Period of Performance: _____				
Budget Category	Total Approved Budget	Share of Total Budget to be Funded by the Trust	Cost-Share, paid by MDOT TBUs	Cost-Share, if applicable (Entity #2)
1. Equipment Expenditure	\$4,750,000	\$3,800,000	\$950,000	NA
2. Contractor Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
3. Subrecipient Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
4. Administrative	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$	NA
Project Totals	\$4,788,000	\$3,838,000	\$950,000	NA
Percentage	100%	80.1%	19.9%	%

PROJECTED TRUST ALLOCATIONS:

	2020
1. Anticipated Annual Project Funding Request to be paid through the Trust	\$3,838,000
2. Anticipated Annual Cost Share	\$950,000
3. Anticipated Total Project Funding by Year (line 1 plus line 2)	\$4,788,000
4. Cumulative Trustee Payments Made to Date Against Cumulative Approved Beneficiary Allocation	\$0
5. Current Beneficiary Project Funding to be paid through the Trust (line 1)	\$3,838,000
6. Total Funding Allocated to for Beneficiary, inclusive of Current Action by Year (line 4 plus line 5)	\$3,838,000
7. Beneficiary Share of Estimated Funds Remaining in Trust	\$78,033,000
8. Net Beneficiary Funds Remaining in Trust, net of cumulative Beneficiary Funding Actions (line 7 minus line 6)	\$74,195,000

ATTACHMENT C

DETAILED PLAN FOR REPORTING ON ELIGIBLE MITIGATION ACTION IMPLEMENTATION

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) will provide detailed reporting on this Environmental Mitigation Trust projects in two ways:

1. Updates to MDE's Volkswagen Mitigation Trust webpage (<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/MobileSources/Pages/MarylandVolkswagenMitigationPlan.aspx>)
2. Maryland's semiannual reporting obligation to Wilmington Trust.

MDE maintains a VW Mitigation Trust webpage to provide information and updates to the public in a timely manner. MDE will utilize the webpage to inform the public of project awards and make all documents received publicly available by posting them on that page.

Subparagraph 5.3 of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries details Maryland's Reporting Obligations: "For each Eligible Mitigation Action, no later than six months after receiving its first disbursement of Trust Assets, and thereafter no later than January 30 (for the preceding six-month period of July 1 to December 31) and July 30 (for the preceding six-month period of January 1 to June 30) of each year, each Beneficiary shall submit to the Trustee a semiannual report describing the progress implementing each Eligible Mitigation Action during the six-month period leading up to the reporting date (including a summary of all costs expended on the Eligible Mitigation Action through the reporting date). Such reports shall include a complete description of the status (including actual or projected termination date), development, implementation, and any modification of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action. Beneficiaries may group multiple Eligible Mitigation Actions and multiple sub-beneficiaries into a single report. These reports shall be signed by an official with the authority to submit the report for the Beneficiary and must contain an attestation that the information is true and correct and that the submission is made under penalty of perjury. To the extent a Beneficiary avails itself of the DERA Option described in Appendix D-2, that Beneficiary may submit its DERA Quarterly Programmatic Reports in satisfaction of its obligations under this Paragraph as to those Eligible Mitigation Actions funded through the DERA Option. The Trustee shall post each semiannual report on the State Trust's public-facing website upon receipt."

In MDE's semiannual report following the Trustee's approval of this project, MDE will describe the progress of implementing this Eligible Mitigation Action and include a summary of all costs expended on the Eligible Mitigation Action through the reporting date. The report will also include a complete description of the status, development, implementation (including project schedule and milestone updates), and any modification to this Eligible Mitigation Action.

THE undersigned, a duly qualified and licensed Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the original instrument as the same appears from the records of this office.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Dallas, Texas, this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires on _____, 2011.

**ATTACHMENT D
 DETAILED COST ESTIMATES FROM SELECTED OR POTENTIAL VENDORS FOR EACH PROPOSED
 EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING \$25,000**

Canton Railroad submitted estimates for costs to replace six diesel freight switchers in total. They were awarded funds to replace two of the oldest, dirtiest freight switchers with two new near-zero emission Tier 4 Freight Switchers produced by Knoxville Locomotive Corporation. Replacement vehicles under the State Agency Program are reimbursable based on the final invoice. Trust Funds are eligible to cover 100% of the amount of the replacement vehicles, however, Canton has agreed to provide 20% in matching funds to help cover a portion of the project's cost.

Freight Switcher	Year	Replacement Switcher	Engine Emission Tier	VW Funds Requested
Canton Railroad – 1952 -1307	1952	KLW NZE15B T4	Tier 4 Near Zero Emission	\$1,900,000
Canton Railroad – 1952 -1264	1952	KLW NZE15B T4	Tier 4 Near Zero Emission	\$1,900,000

