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Final Electric Vehicle Charging Station Listening Sessions Scheduled

The Department of Administration announced today the two final listening sessions to gather input from the public regarding spending \$10 million in Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust funds for electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) grants. The listening sessions will be held:

- **Wednesday, March 4, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** at the Central Wisconsin Airport, 100 CWA Drive, Mosinee (free parking for first 3 hours)
- **Wednesday, March 4, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** at the Staybridge Suites-Eau Claire, 1515 Bluestem Blvd., Altoona (free parking available)

To date, listening sessions have been held in Milwaukee, Ashland and Green Bay. DOA previously announced a listening session at the Hill Farms State Office Building in Madison on March 3 at 9:00 a.m. All EVCS listening session dates, times and locations can be found at the VW Mitigation Program website:

<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/vwsettlementwisconsin.aspx>

During these sessions, the public is invited to provide input on electric vehicle use, charging station locations, grant program design and other matters relevant to the electric vehicle charging station grant program. Please note: these funds cannot be used to purchase electric vehicles.

Volkswagen admitted to violating the federal Clean Air Act by selling diesel engine vehicles that utilized a “defeat device” that resulted in better fuel mileage and driving performance, but also resulted in the release of thousands of tons of NOx emissions in excess of regulated limits. Judicial settlements require Volkswagen to pay more than \$2.9 billion into an Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund. The State of Wisconsin is a designated beneficiary and will receive \$67.1 million over ten years to offset the excess pollution emitted by affected Volkswagen vehicles. Governor Evers’ directed the Department of Administration to spend up to \$10 million in VW Settlement Trust funds for EVCS grants.

In addition to attending a listening session, interested persons may choose to provide feedback by responding to a Request for Information available on the VW Mitigation webpage at <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/vwsettlementwisconsin.aspx>. The RFI response deadline has been extended to Thursday, March 5.

For more information on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Program listening sessions or VW Mitigation Program, contact Ben Vondra, Department of Administration, at 608-261-6262 or benjaminh.vondra@wisconsin.gov.

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