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## **Sierra Club Applauds Indiana's VW Settlement Funding Plan to Invest in Electric School Buses**

Indianapolis, Indiana. -- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management released the latest draft of its Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Program, which includes \$2.8 million for electric school bus projects, and the maximum allocation of 15% of total funds (\$6.16 million) towards installing light-duty electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The comment period for the draft closes on September 28, 2018, and can be found by visiting [the IDEM website](#).

### ***In response, Sierra Club Indiana Chapter Director Bowden Quinn released the following statement:***

"Volkswagen's actions were as dangerous as the sickening smog their vehicles left behind. But with funding from the settlement's Environmental Mitigation Trust, states now have the opportunity to implement clean electric transportation initiatives to drive away dirty pollution. Fortunately, Indiana's investment in electrifying school buses and EV charging equipment will help clean up Volkswagen's dirty deceit and put clean transportation in the fast lane.

We encourage the public to continue to submit comments through the Department of Environmental Management's website, to ensure that Indiana's plan further invests in zero emission projects for a cleaner, safer future for all Hoosiers."

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