



# VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT

## Background on settlement agreements

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Volkswagen reached settlement agreements with the EPA and California. The settlements require that Volkswagen provide consumer relief, fund a mitigation trust for states and tribes to offset excess nitrogen oxide emissions from the vehicles, and develop zero emission vehicle infrastructure. Below is a short description of those actions. Visit [ecology.wa.gov](http://ecology.wa.gov) for more information.

### Consumer relief \$10 billion

#### Buy backs | Repairs | Compensation

There are approximately 590,000 affected 2.0 and 3.0 liter diesel vehicles in the nation. About 24,000 of the vehicles are registered in Washington. Consumer remedies include buy backs, repairs, and cash settlements, depending on the engine size and pollution control equipment installed.

### Environmental mitigation \$2.7 billion

#### Mitigation of nitrogen oxides

Volkswagen will pay \$2.7 billion into a trust that will be used to pay for past, present, and future harm caused by the excess nitrogen oxide emissions released by the vehicles. All 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and tribes may apply to become beneficiaries. Each approved beneficiary will receive a specific amount of funds based on the number of affected vehicles registered in their area.

Under the settlements, **Washington is eligible to receive a total of \$112.7 million** to mitigate emissions from the nearly 24,000 affected vehicles in Washington. The governor has designated Ecology to manage the funds.

### ZEV investment \$2 billion

#### Electrify America

As part of the settlement, Volkswagen will invest \$2 billion over the next 10 years in ZEV infrastructure. Volkswagen will invest \$800 million in California and \$1.2 billion throughout the rest of the nation and provide opportunities for public input on the type and locations of the ZEV projects.

These monies are separate from the \$112.7 million in trust funds that Washington is eligible for.

Washington and Oregon jointly submitted a proposal to Volkswagen recommending ZEV infrastructure projects in our states. Electrify America selected both Seattle and Portland metropolitan areas for ZEV project investments. Examples of projects include:

- Electric vehicle charging stations at multi-unit dwellings, workplaces, and public sites.
- Electric vehicle fast charging stations available to all vehicles using non-proprietary connectors.
- Brand-neutral community outreach to increase awareness of ZEVs.