



## NASEO & NACAA VW Settlement Clearinghouse



### **NASEO and NACAA Launch Volkswagen Settlement Clearinghouse for State and Local Governments**

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The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) and National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) launched the [NASEO & NACAA Volkswagen Settlement Clearinghouse](#) today – an online resource for state and local governments as they develop plans and implement projects under the settlement’s \$2.9-billion Environmental Mitigation Trust and coordinate with Volkswagen (VW) subsidiary Electrify America and other major automakers on zero-emission vehicle infrastructure investments.

The *NASEO & NACAA VW Clearinghouse* is a collaborative program of the two associations to support their state and local government members as they consider and select eligible projects and investment strategies under the VW settlement. The Clearinghouse provides information, tools and resources to assist state and local agencies to develop strategies under the settlement that will reduce mobile source emissions; support the alternative fuels market; and further environmental, public health, economic development and energy goals. Because this information may be of value to those outside of the NASEO and NACAA memberships, the Clearinghouse will be publicly accessible. The Clearinghouse website was created by Atlas Public Policy.

Over the next several months, NASEO and NACAA will add resources and features to the Clearinghouse. **If there are resources, tools, or other topics you’d like to see added to the Clearinghouse, please contact Cassie Powers, NASEO Senior Program Manager, at [cpowers@naseo.org](mailto:cpowers@naseo.org) or 703-299-8800 x121 or Mary Sullivan Douglas, NACAA Senior Staff Associate, at [mdouglas@4cleanair.org](mailto:mdouglas@4cleanair.org) or 202-624-7864.**

**Background** – In two related settlements, German automaker Volkswagen AG agreed to spend approximately \$14.9 billion to settle allegations of cheating emissions tests and deceiving customers. Of this amount, approximately \$2.9 billion will be set aside for an Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement, which will be allocated among states, territories and tribes (the “beneficiaries”) to fund environmental mitigation projects that reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides. Mitigation actions include replacing or repowering eligible medium or large trucks, buses, freight switchers, ferries/tugs and other vehicles or equipment with new diesel or alternative fuel engines, or all-electric engines. Beneficiaries may also invest up to 15 percent of their allocation in new light-duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment, such as DC fast chargers.

*NASEO represents the 56 governor-designated state and territory energy officials across the United States, and serves as a resource for the states on all energy policies, markets, and issues.*

*NACAA is a national, non-partisan, non-profit association of state and local air pollution control agencies in 45 states, the District of Columbia and four territories.*