



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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ADEQ Revises Beneficiary Mitigation Plan

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has revised the Arkansas Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, which summarizes how the state intends to use funds from the Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust to reduce nitrogen oxides. Consistent with comments received in response to the original Request for Information issued in 2017, ADEQ has determined that amendments to the Arkansas Beneficiary Mitigation Plan are warranted to ensure an appropriate amount of flexibility and a robust applicant pool.

The substantive amendments to the Arkansas Beneficiary Mitigation Plan are as follows:

1. The pilot program was expanded to include both eligible transit and school buses and any alternative fuel.
2. The term “alternative-fueled” was defined consistent with the Trust Agreement and used in place of a list of fuel types for each program, where appropriate.

The Arkansas Beneficiary Mitigation Plan can be viewed here:

<https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/vw/pdfs/final--bmp-amended-june-2019.pdf>.

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