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**Clean Fuels Funding Assistance Program
Application Deadline Approaching**

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting applications for the Clean Fuels Funding Assistance Program. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2021.

The Clean Fuels Program is a competitive funding opportunity for public, private, and nonprofit entities in Arkansas seeking to repower or replace eligible medium trucks, heavy trucks, or buses with new lower-emitting, alternative-fueled technologies. The goal of the Clean Fuels program is to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and incentivize growth in markets for alternative fuels, including compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), propane, and electricity.

“We are pleased that we are able to make this funding available to conserve our resources for future use, to improve air quality for Arkansans, and realize the full value of growing markets for alternative fuels,” said Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment Secretary Becky Keogh.

DEQ will award a total of \$697,794 in Volkswagen Settlement funds to projects during this funding cycle. Applicants must submit their application online at <https://eportal.adeg.state.ar.us/?FormTag=CleanFuelsApplication>. After the close of the application period, DEQ will score proposals based on these criteria:

- Share of air pollution burden
- Cost-effectiveness in dollars per ton of NO_x reduction
- Programmatic capability
- Environmental awareness
- Funding contribution

More information can be found on DEQ’s Volkswagen Settlement webpage: <https://www.adeg.state.ar.us/air/planning/vw.aspx>. Alternatively, you may contact Deiona McKnight by email at mcknight@adeq.state.ar.us or by phone at 501-682-0641.

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