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“The State of Texas Environmental Mitigation Plan (EMP) must place priority on emissions reduction and modernization/improvement. State agencies are well-positioned to help achieve these objectives through projects to replace current high-emissions equipment with cleaner units.

Emissions reduction, modernization and improvement of state-owned vehicles can be realized by 100 percent funding of these projects. The state fleet has almost 29,000 vehicles, including many older units with high-emission diesel engines. Many of the oldest engines qualify for replacement under the Volkswagen Environmental Trust program. Upgrades/replacement can be achieved through a combination of direct funding and participation in the new Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program, which could receive its seed funding through a VW Settlement allocation. The Texas Department of Transportation is prepared to collaborate with other state, local and regional agencies to implement the EMP, once finalized, in an effective manner.

Questions about these comments may be directed to Fleet Operations Division Director Dalton Pratt, Texas Department of Transportation, (817) 370-3681, [REDACTED].”

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