

Volkswagen (VW) Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust

Replaced 2 older trucks, reducing air pollutants

INSTALLED ILLEGAL DEVICES

In 2015, Volkswagen (VW) was cited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for violating emissions standards by selling diesel vehicles equipped with "defeat devices."

The devices allowed the cars to pass Federal emissions tests, but during actual driving conditions, they emitted significantly more air pollutants than allowed by the Clean Air Act.

GOT CAUGHT

In 2016, VW settled a lawsuit brought by the Federal government for \$14.7 billion. \$55 million of this settlement was earmarked to fund tribal diesel emission mitigation projects.

The Rincon Environmental Department applied for, and received, funding to replace two older (2006) diesel vehicles with new vehicles that emit much lower levels of air pollutants.

SETTLEMENT

The settlement funds awarded to Rincon were used to replace a 2006 trash truck and a 2006 dump truck. The tribe purchased a new 2021 trash truck and a new 2022 dump truck/chipper truck combination vehicle with a removable roof.

Operation of these new vehicles instead of the older heavy polluters will help improve air quality on the reservation.

TRASH TRUCK



2-IN-1 ADVANTAGE



CHIP BODY



DUMP BODY