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Ms. Tricia Treece

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

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Use of Volkswagen settlement funds for Medidocks to advance Ambulance/Emergency Vehicle Idle Reduction:

Idling of ambulances is a significant contributor to air pollution, particularly as the majority of the idling occurs adjacent to healthcare facilities with their sensitive populations exposed. Reducing this idling provides a direct air quality improvement. Problematic to not idling the ambulance is the fact that interior temperatures and medical equipment must be maintained in a state of readiness, requiring power. My firm's product, the Medidock, provides a real solution to this problem by allowing an ambulance to remain 'mission-ready' without idling.

Our system is a kiosk, installed at Emergency Departments and other medical facilities and at remote locations where ambulances are 'posted' to improve response times and improve air quality. The Medidock requires no special equipment to be installed onboard the vehicle – any & all ambulances can use it. In addition to electrical power for the onboard emergency medical equipment it also provides vehicle interior climate control - without the need to run the engine. Our units ease of operation encourages EMT's to actually use the machines, resulting in fuel and maintenance savings for the vehicle operators and environmental benefits for everyone. On our website [www.medicaire.net](http://www.medicaire.net) you will find a study done by the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) which indicates a significant NOx reduction as noted from sites in VT & NH.

Medidocks are presently successfully operating in northern New England and locations in the Midwest.

While vehicle idle reduction is not specifically indicated in the settlement, augmentation of DERA is, allowing a pathway for funding this important public health/air quality improvement.

I urge you to consider earmarking funding for the Medidock in the final Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. Thank you for your consideration.

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