# The most cost-effective upgrades make the biggest health impact

### New Tier 4 engines for switchers reduce NOx emissions by 95%

The \$2.9 billion VW Environmental Mitigation Trust provides funding to upgrade older vehicles and equipment to rapidly reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which contribute to hazardous smog pollution. Upgrading just one of the oldest, dirtiest switchers is like taking tens of thousands

of passenger vehicles off the road per year, bringing substantial health benefits to at-risk communities. With states now deciding how to invest these funds, repowering these older switchers with cleaner Tier 4 engines is a gamechanger for delivering immediate and costeffective air quality benefits.



## Upgrading old engines Switcher projects means cleaner air for all

EPA estimates that by 2020, only 5% of switcher engines will be replaced with cleaner Tier 4 engines. The VW Environmental Mitigation Trust provides a rare opportunity to retire the oldest diesel engines still in operation, which can last 70 years or longer. Tier 4 engines will deliver cleaner, healthier air faster to at-risk communities. These new engines also improve fuel efficiency, which reduces CO<sub>2</sub> and black carbon emissions, two important greenhouse gas pollutants.





# are a better value

Tier 4 engines

#### 1 ton of NOx reduction costs



Other projects \$30,0004

1. Ramboll, 2018, Emission reductions and cost effectiveness for marine and locomotive projects 2. EPA, 2016, National Port Strategy Assessment



**Tier 4 switcher engines** \$15,000<sup>1</sup>

3. Tier 2 car driven 15,000 miles per year 4. FHWA, 2015 CMAQ Cost-Effectiveness Report