34-17.008 Investigations
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Notice is hereby given that on November 2, 2026, the above rules completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

The following rules were filed with technical changes:

34-17.009 Counsel.

(1) through (4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 112.322(9) FS. Law Implemented Art. II, Section 8, Fla. Const., 112.322, 112.324, 120.62 FS. History–New 11-24-13, Reviewed ____.

34-17.013 Public Hearings.

Public hearings may be conducted by the full Commission, by a single Commission member, or by the Division of Administrative Hearings, as directed by the Chair of the Commission after considering the Commission's workload. The Commission may refer the matter by letter to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the appointment of an administrative law judge. Public hearings held before the Commission or its members shall be governed by Decisions Determining Substantial Interests ~~the Uniform Rules of the Administration Commission~~, Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. Proceedings before the Commission after the public hearing shall be governed by Decisions Determining Substantial Interests ~~the Uniform Rules of the Administration Commission~~, Chapter 28-106, F.A.C., if one of the rules of that chapter is applicable, and, if not, by the rules of this chapter.

Rulemaking Authority 112.322(9) FS. Law Implemented Art. II, Section 8, Fla. Const., 112.322, 112.324 FS. History–New 11-24-13, Reviewed ____.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Class 8 Emergency Service Vehicles Notice of Funding Availability

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for up to $12 million available for the purchase of new Class 8 emergency service trucks (e.g., trucks used for emergency response services including fire engines, ladder trucks, ambulances, mobile command centers, or other specialized rescue units) to replace eligible Class 8 diesel trucks of engine model year 2009 or older. New units may be powered by diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), or propane. Eligible program participants include Florida county governments, Florida municipalities, and non-governmental private commercial entities that provide emergency response services for a Florida county or municipality under contract. Each governmental entity or non-governmental private commercial entity may be awarded funding for up to two (2) eligible replacement units. Qualifying governmental entities may be awarded up to $800,000 per eligible new emergency service truck, subject to the limits of available funds and the goal of awarding funds to as many qualifying governmental entities as possible. Qualifying private municipal services entities may be awarded up to $200,000 per eligible new emergency service truck (not to exceed 25% of the new unit price), subject to the limits of available funds. The maximum potential grant award for any individual qualifying entity operating within a specified county or municipality will be $1,600,000 for governmental entities (for two replacement units at $800,000 per unit) and $400,000 for non-governmental entities (for two replacement units at $200,000 per unit). Reimbursements to non-governmental entities cannot exceed 25% of the new unit price. Non-governmental entities that provide emergency response services to governmental entities under contract, and which operate in more than one county or municipality, may apply for funding for up to two (2) eligible replacement units in total. To be eligible, a qualifying entity must purchase one new truck for each eligible existing diesel unit scrapped by the entity. Scrappage requirements will apply as specified in Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen (VW) Settlement. As stated in the Updates and Amendments to Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, dated October 31, 2025, the Department will prioritize funding awards to projects in areas of the state engaged in disaster recovery and resiliency planning and in communities that have suffered disproportionate economic, environmental, and operational impacts from severe weather events in recent years, which would also benefit from reductions in diesel-related emissions. The Department will also prioritize funding for projects located in rural areas of opportunity as defined under Section 288.0656, Fla. Stat. The Department reserves the right to make additional VW Settlement funds available for the purchase of new Class 8 emergency service trucks if there is sufficient interest in this NOFA. Florida entities that wish to participate in this program should visit the Department's webpage at https://FloridaDEP.gov/volkswagen to download, complete, and submit the application worksheet before December 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., EST.

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