

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Draft Cleanup Work Plan for Public Review and Comments – Exide Technologies

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the state agency responsible for the cleanup of hazardous waste and contaminated sites, is overseeing a soil investigation, removal and cleanup of lead contaminated soil in residential yards near the Exide Technologies plant located in Vernon, California. DTSC invites your comments on the draft Interim Measures Work Plan (IMWP) for the removal of lead contaminated soils in residential yards located in portions of Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and Maywood.

Site Location and Background of Soil Testing and Removal

Exide recycles lead from used batteries. Exide's Vernon plant has been operating as a metal recycling facility for more than 90 years. In 2013, DTSC ordered Exide to test soil for lead in portions of Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles (Northern Assessment Area), and Maywood (Southern Assessment Area), the two areas identified most likely to be affected by Exide's air emissions (See Attached Maps). In fall 2013, thirty nine (39) homeowners allowed soil testing at their yards within these two assessment areas. Some soil samples taken in these neighborhoods showed high levels of lead. As a result, DTSC ordered Exide to collect additional soil samples from within the two assessment areas. In August 2014, as retesting was being conducted, soil with high levels of lead was successfully removed from two residential yards in the Northern Assessment Area.

Draft Interim Measures Work Plan

The draft IMWP has been prepared in accordance with DTSC's directive to Exide and the February 2002 Corrective Action Consent Order. The draft IMWP describes the action that will be taken to cleanup lead contaminated soils at residential properties where high lead levels are found. These actions will include soil removal, dust control and air monitoring, yard restoration work, and interior home cleaning. DTSC is committed to the cleanup of lead contaminated soils in the residential yards and any additional soil sampling requested by homeowners within the assessment areas. Soil sampling and cleanup will be conducted at no cost to the property owners. Properties will be restored to their original condition following the soil removal activities. The draft IMWP is available for public review and comment.



Public Comment Period

September 16 - October 20, 2014

DTSC encourages your participation. All comments concerning the draft IMWP, draft Negative Declaration, and Initial Study can be submitted in writing to:

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Fax: (916) 255-3734

Emailed, faxed or written comments must be received or post marked by **Monday, October 20, 2014.**

Comments will be considered before a final decision on the IMWP and the Negative Declaration are made. Notification of the final decision and a copy of a response to comments will be provided to those who submit comments and/or by request. The draft IMWP and the draft Negative Declaration are available for review at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001733

Robert L. Stevenson Public Library,
803 Spence Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023

Cesar Chávez Public Library
4323 Slauson Avenue
Maywood, CA 90270

DTSC Regional Records Office,
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90636

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California Environmental Quality Act - Notice of Availability

An Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration have been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC has determined that the proposed remedial activities will have a less than significant effect on the environment. The Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration are available for public review and public comment.

How to Participate

DTSC encourages your participation. Comments concerning the draft IMWP and the associated CEQA documents may be submitted in writing to Peter Ruttan, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA, 95826, or faxed to (916) 255-3734 or email: Peter.Ruttan@dtsc.ca.gov. All emailed, faxed or written comments must be received or postmarked no later than **Monday, October 20, 2014**. All comments will be carefully considered before making a final decision on the IMWP and Negative Declaration. Notification of the final decision and a copy of DTSC's response to comments will be provided to those who submit comments along with their contact information and/or by request.

How to Get Your Property Sampled

To schedule soil sampling in your yard, property owners within the assessment areas can contact DTSC at 1-844-225-3887.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft IMWP, Initial Study, Draft Negative Declaration, and this Community Update are available for review at the following repositories:

Maywood Cesar Chavez Public Library
4323 Slauson Avenue
Maywood, CA 90270
(323) 771-8600

Robert L. Stevenson Branch Library
803 Spence Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023
(323) 268-4710

DTSC Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
(714) 484-5337

Information about the Site can be found online at the DTSC EnviroStor website:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001733

