

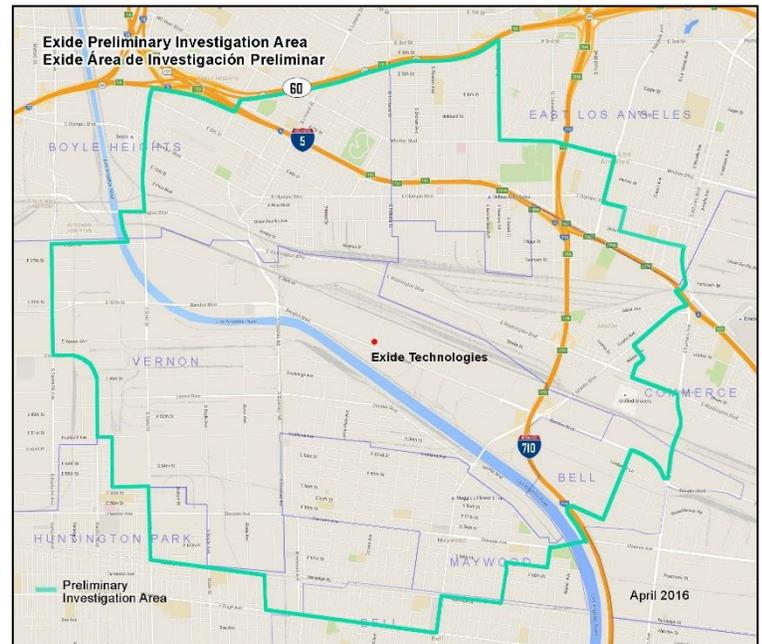
The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is testing for lead in soil, which may have been contaminated by Exide Technologies facility operations in Vernon, California. DTSC is testing soil at residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks in areas of Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, Commerce, Huntington Park, Bell, Vernon, and Maywood. Properties with the highest levels of lead in the soil, and greatest potential for exposure, will be cleaned up by removing lead-contaminated soil, backfilling with clean soil, and re-landscaping.

Plan to Expedite Testing and Cleanup

- On April 20, 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation that directed \$176.6 million for DTSC to expedite and expand testing and cleanup of residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks within a 1.7-mile radius around the facility—this area is known as the Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA).
- Properties with the highest levels of lead in the soil, and the greatest potential for exposure will be cleaned up.

Outreach for Access Agreements

- DTSC exceeded a department goal to sample 1,500 properties by June 30, 2016. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health helped by sampling 500 residential properties.
- DTSC set a new goal of sampling the remaining properties within the PIA by June 2017 and completing a final sampling report by September 2017. This objective requires significant outreach with community members in order to gain permission to sample properties. As of September 15, 2016, over 50 DTSC employees have participated in 42 canvassing events throughout the PIA. DTSC's outreach efforts have also been supported by local youth, community groups, local governments, and state and federal elected officials. As a result, the department is presenting the following numbers:



Investigation and Cleanup Progress

Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA)	Totals*
Total Properties	~10,000
Properties with signed access agreements	6279
Properties sampled	2936
Properties cleaned up	236
Properties refused access for cleanup	6



Last update: 09/15/2016 For questions, contact: 844-225-3887

PIA - Preliminary Investigation Area: 1.7-mile radius around Exide Facility

* Numbers above include the properties sampled and cleaned up by Exide and 500 properties sampled by LACDPH

Increased Residential Sampling

- In August 2016, DTSC selected two new contractors, Arcadis and EFI Global, to conduct soil sampling of the remaining properties within the PIA.

CEQA Scoping Meetings

- DTSC published a Notice of Preparation for developing a *Draft Environmental Impact Report* (DEIR) in early June 2016. Notices of this action were mailed to property owners in the PIA and an additional buffer area outside of the PIA.
- DTSC held three Scoping Meetings to begin the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process:

June 25, 2016 -- Huntington Park

June 30, 2016 -- Commerce

July 11, 2016 -- Boyle Heights

- At the meetings, DTSC explained the CEQA process and the proposed project to clean up residential properties, including schools, daycare centers, and parks with the highest concentration of lead in the soil and the greatest potential for exposure. DTSC heard many ideas from the public about the scope of this project. DTSC's goal is to clean up approximately 2,500 properties within a year with available funds, resulting in an average of 50 properties per week.
- The period to comment on any specific issues that may be of concern, including possible alternatives and mitigation measures, for consideration in the DEIR ended on July 18th. DTSC is currently in the phase of developing the DEIR and anticipates releasing the plan for public comment in late November or December 2016.

Public Comments on Draft EIR and Closure Plan Under Review

- Last December, DTSC issued a public notice opening the public comment period on Exide's proposed Draft Closure Plan and DTSC's DEIR. During the 105-day public comment period, which ended on March 28, 2016, DTSC held a public hearing.
- DTSC staff is currently reviewing all of the comments received during the public comment period, and is preparing a written *Response to Comments*, the *Final Closure Plan*, and the *Final Environmental Impact Report*. DTSC plans to submit the final documents in late October or early November 2016. Exide is required to implement the approved Final Closure Plan within 30 days of receiving notice from DTSC that the plan has been approved.

Workforce for Environmental Restoration in Communities (WERC) Program

- DTSC recently announced partnerships with two academic and workforce training providers, Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) and the University of California Los Angeles Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program (UCLA-LOSH) for the first phase of its Workforce for Environmental Restoration in Communities (WERC). As part of the new contracts with the lead assessment contractors, DTSC included a 40 percent local hire requirement for trained residents from communities near the former Exide facility to perform sampling and assessment fieldwork.
- Beginning in July 2016, LATTC started coordinating orientations and trainings with UCLA-LOSH, Thermo Fischer Scientific and NATEC International, Inc. for 30 students. Participants in



the program completed the required trainings and graduated from the program on August 15, 2016. Currently, 28 students have received job offers from the contractors working on the residential sampling. The next steps in the WERC Program include expanding training on soil remediation, lead hazard control, interior home cleaning, landscaping, and health education.