



# Department of Toxic Substances Control

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## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES RECYCLING FACILITY, VERNON, CA

### What Is Being Proposed?

A **Notice of Preparation** (NOP) is currently available for public review and comment. The purpose of the NOP is to obtain guidance from agencies and the public for the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the **Environmental Impact Report** (EIR). The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the **lead agency** responsible for assessing the potential environmental effects associated with the closure of the Exide Technologies, Inc. (Exide) Recycling Facility located in Vernon, California. Under the **California Environmental Quality Act** (CEQA), DTSC has determined that an EIR is necessary to evaluate environmental impacts of closure activities.

### Project Information

The facility, located at 2700 South Indiana Street in Vernon, is an existing secondary lead recycling facility that recycled lead. Operations stopped at the facility in March 2014. During operations, the facility recovered and reprocessed lead from used automotive batteries and other sources. Under an agreement reached with the U.S. Attorney's Office and amendment to a 2014 Stipulation and Order with DTSC, Exide has withdrawn its permit application and notified DTSC of its intent to permanently close the facility by implementing a DTSC-approved Closure Plan. The Closure Plan would outline a multi-year approach for full remediation of the site under three phases. Phase I (19 to 24 months) would include removal of all hazardous wastes from all hazardous waste units and decontamination and removal of contaminated equipment, structures, and soils. Phase II (24 months) would include subsurface sampling to characterize the contamination under the equipment and structures, and removal of contaminated soil beneath the equipment, buildings, structures, and pavement. Phase III (ongoing) would include post-closure and contingent post-closure work to implement long-term inspections, monitoring, and maintenance.

### How You Can Participate

This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about this project and provide public comments on the areas we should study as part of the EIR. The public will be provided a 30-day period to provide their comments. The public comment period begins **Thursday, May 28, 2015, and ends Monday, June 29, 2015. Public comments can be sent to Wayne Lorentzen, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826; or email at: [Wayne.Lorentzen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Wayne.Lorentzen@dtsc.ca.gov); and must be postmarked or emailed by June 29, 2015.**

### Public Scoping Meeting

You are invited to participate in a DTSC-hosted **Public Scoping Meeting** to provide your suggestions on the scope of the EIR. Please join us on:

**Thursday, June 18, 2015, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Maywood City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270**

To view project documents, visit: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/exide.cfm>

The NOP and other project documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

Maywood Cesar Chavez Public Library  
4325 E. Slauson Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90270  
(323) 771-8600

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

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

City of Vernon – City Hall  
4305 S. Santa Fe Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Vernon, CA 90058-1714  
(909) 783-0147

City of Commerce – Central Library  
5655 Jillson Street  
Commerce, CA 90040  
(323) 722-6600

### For More Information

Contact Wayne Lorentzen, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3883 or Marina Pérez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll free at 1-844-225-3887.

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