



Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Dear Resident:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the state agency responsible for the clean-up of hazardous waste and contaminated sites, is overseeing the soil investigation and clean-up of lead at residential yards near the Exide Technologies plant in Vernon. Exide recycles lead from used batteries. The facility has been in operation for more than 90 years.

In 2013, DTSC ordered Exide to test for lead in the yards of 39 homes in Boyle Heights and Maywood, the two areas most likely to be affected by Exide's air emissions (see map). Samples were taken to find out the levels of lead in the soil. Soil samples taken in your neighborhood showed high levels of lead. Due to these test results, DTSC recommends that your yard be tested to find out if there are high levels of lead in your soil.

DTSC staff came by your home today to share information about upcoming soil removal activities planned near your home. Sorry that we missed you. Members of our staff would like to meet with you in person within the next two weeks to discuss the proposed soil removal activities. Please contact us at your convenience so we can share the following information with you:

- Process of soil testing in your yard
- What to expect during the soil removal process
- 24 Hour, Bilingual, Toll-Free Information Line – 1-844-707-0808 (*Active by July 15, 2014*)
- Lead Exposure Information and Prevention/Safety Measures
- Free Blood Lead Testing Program – 1-844- 888-2290

To schedule a meeting or if you would like to have your yard tested at no cost, please contact Marina Pérez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at: 1-844-225-3887 or via email at: marina.perez@dtsc.ca.gov. If high levels of lead are found from the test results, and you provide a signed agreement, your property will be cleaned-up by Exide.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marina Pérez,
DTSC Public Participation Specialist