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### **NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR 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 solicit guidance from agencies and stakeholders 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 regulatory agency for assessing the potential environmental effects associated with issuance of a proposed Hazardous Waste Facility Permit requested by Exide Technologies (Exide) for its recycling Facility located in Vernon, California. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC must prepare an EIR for the initial issuance of a hazardous waste facilities permit to evaluate environmental impacts of this proposed action as part of the approval process.

The Exide Technologies Vernon California operation, located at 2700 South Indiana Street in Vernon is an existing secondary lead smelting facility which recycles lead. The facility recovers and reprocesses lead from used automotive batteries and other sources. About 85 percent of the lead recycled at the facility is derived from used automobile batteries, with the remaining 15 percent consisting of other batteries and scrap lead. About 22 million automotive batteries are processed annually at the facility. As a result, Exide conducts the following major activities on site: 1) storing lead acid batteries, lead bearing materials, and hazardous waste generated as a result of the facility's operation, 2) breaking spent batteries and separating the battery components, 3) conducting smelting to recover lead from spent lead acid batteries, 4) operating wastewater treatment to neutralize sulfuric acid and treat both process water and stormwater.

#### **Purpose of This Notice, How You Can Participate and Public Scoping Meeting Opportunity**

This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about this project and submit comments on the scope of the EIR. The 30-day public comment period begins **October 14th, and ends November 13th, 2011. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than November 13th, 2011, and sent to: Ms. Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, 91311-6520, E-mail: [cyan@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cyan@dtsc.ca.gov).**

DTSC also invites you to participate at a DTSC-hosted **Public Scoping Meeting** to solicit input on the scope of the EIR. Please join us on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 6:30 PM**, at:

*Resurrection Church, Multi Purpose Room  
3324 Opal Street, Los Angeles, CA 90023-2917*

To view electronic versions of project documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>. Enter "Vernon" as the City and select "EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES, HAZ WASTE – OPERATING PERMIT". Click on the link for "Report". Or go to [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov), under QUICK LINKS, click "Exide". The NOP and related fact sheet are available for public review at the Information Repositories listed below:

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

Maywood Cesar Chavez Public Library  
4325 E. Slauson Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90270-2837  
(323) 771-8600

City of Commerce Central Library  
5655 Jillson Street  
Commerce, CA 90040-1493  
(323) 722-6600

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Regional Records Room  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311-6520  
(818) 717-6521 (Contact Ms. Vivien Tutaan or Glen  
Castillo to make an appointment)

**Whom to Contact For More Information**

For questions about the Exide Technologies Recycling Facility, please contact Ms. Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager at (818) 717-6681 or Ms. Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll free 1-888-877-5378. Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD) or send a request to contact Ms. Stacey Lear at the number above regarding the Exide Facility.