



Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Dear Mr. /Mrs. INSERT RESIDENT NAME:

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 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. The soil samples taken in your yard showed high levels of lead. Due to these test results, the soil in your yard will need to be removed and replaced at no cost to you.

During our visit with you, DTSC staff discussed the following:

- Reviewed and explained the recent soil test results
- Described the soil removal process and the proposed timeframe for soil removal activity
- Explained and discussed the 24 Hour, Bilingual, Toll-Free, Information Line
- Discussed the process of returning your yard to its original conditions
- Reviewed the purpose of the Access Agreements
- Provided housing relocation options
- Provided recommendations for Lead Exposure Prevention and Safety Measures

If you need additional information regarding these items, please contact Marina Pérez, DTSC Bilingual Public Participation Specialist at: 1-844-225-3887.

For Additional Information On:

- Soil testing & removal; Temporary relocation; Indoor Cleanup Process.....
24 Hour, Bilingual, Toll-Free Information Line 1-844-707-0808 (*Active by July 15, 2014*)
- Public Health Related Issues.....Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health: 213 -738-3220
- Blood Lead Testing Program.....Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health: 1-844-888-2290

For more information on Exide, please visit the “Quick Link” – Exide Technologies at the DTSC website: www.dtsc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Marina Pérez
DTSC Public Participation Specialist