

February 10, 2017

Dear Exide Technologies Advisory Group members and stakeholders,

When DTSC released the Draft Cleanup Plan in December 2016, we shared that the project team would be performing a bench scale test to determine how well soil washing technology could work on soil types in the PIA (referred to as Soil Washing Study). The Draft Cleanup Plan identifies soil washing as a potentially viable technology that should be further evaluated to determine if it would reduce the amount of lead-impacted soil transported to and disposed of in landfills. Many of you requested more information about this potential alternative, so we committed to further exploring the technology for this project and providing the results to you.

DTSC has now completed the Soil Washing Study and has uploaded the work plan, test result tables, and cost estimates on the project EnviroStor page, available here: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/community_involvement_documents.asp?global_id=60002267&document_folder=+6767887711.

Our team wanted to make sure you had access to the soil study results before the Draft Cleanup Plan / Draft EIR comment period closes (February 15, 2017) in case you would like to include any aspect of the study in formal comments. We will provide more in-depth analysis and discussion of the study at the March 16th Advisory Group meeting, and will be working with your Technical Advisor, Dr. Jim Wells, to help share that information.

Please know that DTSC will continue to consider comments and questions on the Cleanup Plan after the formal comment period closes -- regarding soil washing and any other topic -- as the Department finalizes the Cleanup Plan and EIR. The only difference is those comments would not be included in the formal response to comments document prepared in conjunction with the EIR.

We look forward to having a robust discussion with you about the results of this study in March. In the meantime, here are some of the highlights from the Soil Washing Study:

- Ten soil samples from a variety of locations in the Preliminary Investigation Area were tested for the Soil Washing Study. The combined soil sample results indicated that only the gravel fraction contained lead below the 80 ppm DTSC Residential Soil Screening Level. This was only 13 percent of the soil.
- Approximately an additional 1,380 metric tons of greenhouse gasses (GHGs) would be produced as a result of a soil washing alternative, largely because of additional energy use - potential local air impacts and criteria pollutant information have not been analyzed as part of the Soil Washing Study.
- The estimated cost of soil washing would be \$65,388 per property, which is 76.99 percent higher than the soil disposal option for Remedial Action Alternative

3 identified in the Draft Cleanup Plan. The estimated cost of disposal of contaminated soil with soil washing would be \$552.7/ton vs. \$312.3/ton to excavate and dispose of contaminated soil.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. You may reach Cesar Campos at ccampos@dtsc.ca.gov, (818) 717-6572.

Sincerely,
The Exide Cleanup Project Team